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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you had something of a break over the Easter weekend and have enjoyed the charming British weather with all its extraordinary contrasts.

The government this week confirmed that face masks should continue to be worn in secondary school and college classrooms as a precautionary measure when students return after the Easter break. This will help limit the risk of transmission and enable continued monitoring of the effect of school and college returns, as twice weekly testing is established and embedded in student's routines.

As before, it is our expectation that students will follow this guidance unless they are medically exempt from wearing a face mask (in this situation a student will be offered a badge to wear if they are medically exempt from wearing a face mask to prevent them from being challenged throughout the school day). Again, as before, students may remove their masks to eat and drink within inside social areas, and the wearing of face masks remains an expectation for travel on school buses and for those students using public transport to travel to school. We continue to recommend that all students bring at least one spare mask with them to school and a plastic bag, which can be sealed, to store masks when they are in use but not being worn. By students wearing face masks, we are able to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 within the school community.

I would like to share my thanks and appreciation for your support with how well students have transitioned back to the rhythms and routines of school life, and I look forward to a positive and purposeful summer term when students return to the Academy on Monday.

Yours sincerely



Mr N D Owen
Principal