



# Kimberley School

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Dear Parents and Carers

This afternoon the government have announced their timeline for changes in the requirement for students to wear face coverings in secondary schools. At this stage I think it would be helpful for me to explain to you that at Kimberley we are not proposing on making any changes until the 27<sup>th</sup> January. This means that:

- Until the 27<sup>th</sup> January students will still be required to wear a face covering throughout the day, including in lessons, unless they are exempt or eating/drinking.
- From the 27<sup>th</sup> January students will not be required to wear a face covering but they will be able to do so if they choose to

The government have set out that they are removing the requirement for students to wear face coverings in lessons from the 20<sup>th</sup> January. However, our approach is to be more cautious than this because we are still experiencing high numbers of positive cases following the Christmas break. Reassuringly these numbers are reducing but we are concerned that removing the requirement to wear face coverings in lessons before the 27<sup>th</sup> January could increase the spread of the virus and as such result in more students missing more valuable time in school.

Unless there is a significant change to the national and local picture then we will be removing the requirement to wear face coverings from the 27<sup>th</sup> January. Therefore, I would be grateful if this evening you could discuss with your child/children that nothing will change in the school face coverings rules until the 27<sup>th</sup> January and the reasons why this is the case. I have asked Mr Knapczyk and Mr Clemmet to make sure that this information is shared with students' tomorrow morning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

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Head Teacher

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