



May 14<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may have seen in the news that the Department for Education have made some adjustments to the guidance around mask wearing in educational settings with effect from May 17<sup>th</sup>.

We have undertaken a full review of our Covid risk assessment this week to ensure we continue to provide a safe learning and working environment for our whole school community. Given we have had one confirmed staff case and two additional student cases in school (Year 9 and 11) within the last 14 days requiring over 75+ students to self isolate, it is prudent that we consider carefully any changes to our policy. In addition, the case numbers in South Northants are still very high as well as the fact that many of our staff remain unvaccinated.

Given all 3 factors, the Senior Leadership Team and Trustees have decided that the only change we will make from Monday is to allow students the option to not wear a face mask in lesson time. This will be a personal choice if students wish to continue wearing a mask.

**Students MUST however continue to wear a face mask from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May in the following areas:**

1. **On school buses including public transport**
2. **In the canteen and dining hall**
3. **When moving around in corridors and when walking outside**

**Students MAY remove masks when playing in designated areas at break and lunch and in their classroom.**

Staff will continue to wear masks around school other than when teaching in the classroom from the recommended safe distance.

We want to ensure that the risk to the Campion community is kept low and with 3 confirmed cases despite our current tough measures, we do not want to see a rise in cases. We also ask for your full co-operation in ensuring the twice weekly testing at home continues and that you report student results. These lateral flow tests were essential in identifying all 3 of our current cases. We also ask that you adhere fully to the Government guidance from Monday of a maximum of 6 in any one indoor meeting or two households together.

We will keep the situation under constant review and respond to any national changes.

We will brief students on Friday and remind them once again on Monday to ensure all students are aware.

Please take time to discuss this letter with your child.

Thank you once again for working together to keep our school community safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S King  
**Assistant Headteacher**

