

5 November 2021

Dear parents and carers,

### **COVID contingency measures**

As you know, we applied additional COVID measures to school last term in response to the number of positive cases within the school community. I am really pleased to inform you that numbers have decreased significantly, meaning we are able to reassess some of these measures moving forward.

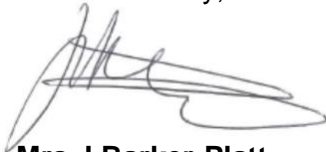
Therefore, from Monday 8 November students will no longer be required to wear face masks at school (they still have the option to wear them if they wish). Staff will continue (unless exempt) to wear masks in common areas. All other measures currently in place will remain until we have assessed the impact of the removal of this measure. We hope to be able to continue to reduce the restrictions as the term progresses, but have decided to take a measured and prudent approach to altering our risk assessment, allowing us time to review the impact of each change.

We will, of course, update you in relation to any further developments, and please note, should cases increase again we may need to re-introduce the use of masks.

### **Queen's Jubilee holiday**

As we will be celebrating the Queen's platinum jubilee next year, schools have been asked to allocate an additional day off for students and staff during the academic year in line with the additional national bank holiday. Therefore, in a change to our published term dates, the February half term will be extended by one day, adding Monday 21 February to the holiday. The term dates published on the school website will be updated shortly.

Yours sincerely,



**Mrs J Barker-Platt**  
Chief Operations Officer