



14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

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### **Next Stage of Covid Roadmap and Face Coverings in School**

On Monday we move to the 'next step' in the Covid roadmap, and I know we're all looking forward to the greater freedoms that brings (especially indoors in this unsettled weather!).

For schools, the guidance on face coverings has changed, removing the guidance for students to wear them in classrooms and communal areas. Our position is as follows:

- Students will not be required to wear face coverings in lessons although will be allowed to do so if they wish. There could be a case, e.g. with a clinically extremely vulnerable teacher, where we might expect all students to wear facemasks.
- Students will not be required to wear face coverings in year-group communal areas, but may do so if they wish.
- Students will still be required to wear face coverings when moving around the site, i.e. before / end of school, and between classrooms and communal areas (as in the Autumn). Beyond the mitigation this provides, we think this sends an important message that Covid 'is not over'.

As the rules on face coverings and social contact relax, the importance of ongoing home testing becomes even greater, so please ensure that your children are still doing this twice a week and recording the results on BOTH systems - the 'gov.uk' site AND the school's 'TestRegister' system. This is particularly important as we are not informed of results submitted to gov.uk. A very high proportion of parents/students (over 90%) have been recording results using the TestRegister system, but it is essential that we all keep up the testing twice a week to maximise the chances of identifying positive cases.

### **Parent Governor Election**

A reminder that we currently have a Parent Governor Vacancy for which the deadline for applications is Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. All details are available on the school website: <https://www.gordanoschool.org.uk/news/?pid=10&nid=3&storyid=71>

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### **Year 9 Vaccinations**

Year 9 Vaccinations for the Meningococcal Group ACWY (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio), which were cancelled earlier in the year, will now all be taking place on Tuesday 18th May, not over two days as previously mentioned.

### **Year 11 and 13**

Today marks the final day of the main assessment window for Year 11 and 13 students. I have written to all parents/carers of Year 11 and 13 students with a longer message and the requirement for both students and parents to complete an online 'confirmation' form by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

It is, of course, of real sadness that Year 11 and 13 have not been able to benefit from the 'full' experience in their final year of GCSEs or the Sixth Form, but we could not be more proud of the way that they have navigated the challenges that they have faced. It says so much about them as young people with the talent and resilience to go on and make wonderful contributions in their lives.

### **Year 10 and 12**

We have been communicating separately with Year 10 and 12 parents with a number of important updates, not least the upcoming mock exams for each year-group and the expectations as they move into their final year before public examinations.

We are holding two parental information meetings on Zoom next week to provide an update for parents. We would ask parents of Year 10 and 12 to attend if at all possible at the following times, using the links below:

#### **Year 12: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm**

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88285637944?pwd=cTE5N1RBL3FLZ0gwcWZIRjh5Y2N1Zz09>  
Passcode: 344846

#### **Year 10: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 5.00pm**

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88460078219?pwd=RFIveTVFVmJ5c1FkRm9kcDBjQUJ6UT09>  
Passcode: 441281

Wishing you all a very pleasant weekend, and hoping that the showers miss you wherever you happen to be!

Regards,



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Headteacher