

13th May 2021



Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the Prime Minister's briefing earlier this week confirming the government's move to Step 3 of the roadmap, I am writing to let you know that, **with effect from Monday 17th May 2021, face coverings will no longer be recommended for students in classrooms or communal areas at St Michael's**. This is also the case for staff in classrooms, although the guidance continues to recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors/communal areas and in meetings). The reintroduction of face coverings for students and staff *may* be advised for a temporary period in response to particular local outbreaks, as notified by Sandwell's Director of Public Health.

In line with Step 3 of the roadmap, we will continue to observe other protective measures in place – regular hand hygiene, 'catch it, bin it, kill it', physical distancing, the maintenance of school zones and bubbles and twice-weekly lateral flow testing – until further easing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued patience and support.

Yours faithfully,



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