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Dear parents/carers

Following the government's announcement on Monday regarding England moving to step 3 of the roadmap next week, I am writing to update you on the advice for face coverings in school.

Face coverings

We have been advised that, from 17th May, the wearing of face coverings is no longer mandatory in most school situations, including in classrooms. There are exceptions to this and in these situations we ask that staff and students continue to wear a face covering. These exceptions are:

- Where bubbles unavoidably must mix and social distancing is not possible
- For visitors to the school
- In communal areas, offices and spaces where social distancing and/or extra ventilation is not possible

However, if students or staff wish to continue to wear a face covering at any time, then they will be permitted to do so. Students are still required to wear face coverings on public transport.

Communication and visitors

Please note that we will continue to allow visitors on a strict appointment basis only. We will process email enquiries quickly and respond to any urgent requests by telephone.

Testing

Students must continue testing twice a week at home. Your son/daughter will have received enough home kits last week for 7 weeks which should take them up to the end of June.

In order to comply with the DfE and NHS requirements, we ask that test results are logged on the [GOV.UK test results site](#) (details are also provided within the testing packs) and also ask that you complete our [online form](#) to report results back to the school on a weekly basis, whether positive, negative or void.

If a positive result is received, then a confirmatory PCR test should be booked [online](#) or by calling 119. Whilst waiting for the PCR result, the student and all members of the household are required to self-isolate. If the PCR test is negative, then the isolation ends and the student can return to school. Void tests should be repeated.

The tests provided by the school should only be used by UHS students. If parents require additional tests or your son/daughter was unable to collect them from their form tutor, you can arrange to collect test packs from a [local test site](#) or request them [online](#). Parents who wish for other members of the household to be tested can also arrange to collect or order test kits in these ways.

Yours faithfully



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