

KING EDWARD VI COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Dear Parent or Carer,

Yesterday, the government announced changes to their guidance around the wearing of face coverings in lessons. Their message is below:

From tomorrow, Thursday 20 January, face coverings are no longer recommended in classrooms and teaching spaces for staff, and pupils and students in year 7 and above. They were introduced in classrooms at the start of the spring term as a temporary measure.

Local directors of public health are able to recommend the use of face coverings in communal areas, across their area only, where DfE and public health experts judge the measure to be proportionate due to specific health concerns. This is a temporary measure. Directors of public health will continue to advise individual settings experiencing outbreaks. Any local introduction of face coverings will be subject to routine review and removed at the earliest opportunity.

We will continue to take advice from Public Health Devon, and we will continue to monitor the situation in school very closely.

However, in line with this change of guidance, **masks will not be required in classrooms** from today. Students will still need them in communal areas, especially in the canteen servery.

As we have throughout the pandemic, we will welcome and support students and staff who continue to wear them in classrooms if they wish to. And, of course, should the situation in school change, we will notify you straight away.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Alan Salt
Principal

