



BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

Face Coverings

I hope that this letter finds you safe and well.

Since their return to school on 8 March your children have again adjusted to new ways of working. Overwhelmingly, they have complied uncomplainingly with the government requirement of wearing a face covering in classrooms. In line with government guidelines, from Monday 17 May 2021, face coverings are no longer required in classrooms, though of course if your child wishes to continue to wear one this is their personal choice. Should COVID-19 case numbers increase in the local community or government guidance changes, we may need to reverse this position.

On the advice of East Riding Public Health and the Local Authority, face coverings will still be required in communal areas because the integrity of bubbles cannot be guaranteed outside classrooms. This means that we revert to the system we had in place during the autumn term.

All of the school's other COVID-safe measures (enhanced cleaning, increased ventilation, enhanced hygiene, bubbles etc) will continue as they have since September.

Collectively, everyone has done a fabulous job since 8 March to ensure that no-one in Years 7-11 has had to self-isolate because of a positive case at school. Thank you to everyone who has made a huge effort to keep themselves and everyone else safe: our school community is safer because of your collective efforts.

Obviously, no secondary age pupils, few of their parents and some of our staff have yet to be vaccinated and so the risks are still present, as is the uncertainty over the new variants. The government asks that schools remind students to keep testing at home twice weekly during the summer term. Further lateral flow test kits were issued this week.

We know that the risks of transmission are significantly increased when people mix indoors and with the rule of 6/two households permitted indoors from Monday 17 May, along with Public Health, we continue to urge caution at this stage of the gradual opening up of society.

Take care and stay safe

Yours sincerely

Sharon Japp
Headteacher

