

St. Bernard's High School

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Dear parents / carers,

You will be aware of the change in guidance for schools which comes into effect on Monday 17th May: students are no longer required to wear face coverings in school, and staff/visitors need only do so in communal areas where social distancing is impossible.

Whilst we welcome this change in the guidance, we are mindful that some staff and students may still feel vulnerable and would prefer to wear a face covering in school, and particularly in communal areas. St Bernard's endorses this approach, and indeed recommends that all staff and students wear a face covering in communal areas, (but not in classrooms) due to the compact nature of our school site and our narrow corridors. It will be a matter of personal choice, given the change in government guidance – but we believe that those who continue to wear a face covering will be helping to protect our school community. St Bernard's has enjoyed very low levels of Covid infection so far, and we believe this voluntary approach to wearing face coverings will help maintain this good record.

Please also remind your daughter/son that face coverings must be worn on public transport to and from school, and that it is still essential to sanitise one's hands on arrival and at appropriate points in the school day.

Best wishes,

Mr A Sharpe
Headteacher