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Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid-19 Update
20th January 2022

As you may be aware some updated guidance emerged yesterday about the wearing of face coverings in schools and I wanted to share it with you as soon as possible.

The government has announced that measures in place under Plan B will be lifted over the coming week, and there are two changes specifically for schools:

- **From today (20th January), face coverings will no longer be advised for staff or pupils in secondary school classrooms*.**
- From next Thursday (27th January), face coverings will no longer be advised for staff and pupils in communal areas of secondary schools. Directors of Public Health will only be able to recommend pupils and staff wear masks in communal areas in places where there are outbreaks or where the local public health situation justifies it. **Please note our Local Authority is currently advising that we continue to wear face coverings in communal areas and corridors in school, as the of number of Covid cases in Bradford are still very high.** We will keep you updated of any changes as the rates are reviewed weekly.

*If any member of staff or student who would prefer to continue to wear a face covering in class, they will be allowed to do so. That is very much about personal preference and that will always be respected.

We have tried very hard to keep our school community safe throughout this pandemic and have always sought to follow the guidance alongside extremely robust risk assessments. For the most part I believe we have been successful and your support throughout has been invaluable.

If you would like to speak to someone about this, please contact your child's Head of Year or contact us via email at studentquestions@hansonacademy.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Richard Woods
Headteacher