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Dear Parents/Carers

FACE COVERINGS AT CAISTOR YARBOROUGH ACADEMY

The Government announced this week that from **Monday 17 May 2021, in line with Step 3 of the roadmap, pupils are no longer required to wear face coverings in classrooms or communal areas**, such as corridors, when in school. This decision is based on the current state of the pandemic and the positive progress being made nationally. In line with the Government guidance, the Academy will, therefore, no longer require pupils to wear face coverings in school from this date. Should pupils wish to continue to wear face coverings in school, they are free to do so.

Please can I ask parents to remind their child of the importance in following the other protective Covid-19 measures which remain in place in school. These include:

- social distancing from other year groups (other than transitory contact in corridors);
- regularly washing/sanitising hands;
- wiping down equipment and materials after use;
- remaining 2 metres apart from staff wherever possible; and
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach.

If your child travels to and from school on public or dedicated school transport, they MUST continue to wear a face covering unless they are exempt.

Rapid testing remains a vital part in suppressing Covid-19. Please can I remind parents that it is important that your child completes a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) home test twice weekly for asymptomatic cases and that the test result is reported to the NHS and the Academy. If the LFD home test is positive, a confirmatory polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test MUST be taken within 2 days. Your child and close contacts MUST self-isolate until the test result is known and follow the NHS Test and Trace procedure.

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Any student who displays Covid-19 symptoms (high temperature, loss of taste or smell, new continuous cough) MUST NOT come to school. Parents MUST arrange for a PCR test immediately through booking online via the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus (COVID-19) website, or ordering by telephone via NHS 119. Again, your child and close contacts MUST self-isolate until the test result is known and follow the NHS Test and Trace procedure.

We hope that, by the Government relaxing the need for pupils to wear face coverings in school, this is the start of returning the school to some degree of normality in the near future. It is important that we all remain vigilant and follow the existing protective Covid-19 measures in place to keep our community safe.

Thank you for your continued support.

With kind regards.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "MJMidgley".

Mr M J Midgley
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