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## Dear Families,

I am writing to you in response to the Prime Minister's announcement on 10 May 2021 about easing some of the Covid-19 mitigations in schools from the 17 May 2021.

Due to some local infection rates being higher than the national rate, we are taking a measured and precautionous approach to the easing of mitigations in our schools.

We are totally committed to the health and safety our of students, staff, and the families we serve, hence our decision to take this approach.

We are requesting that face coverings continue to be used indoors from 17 May by students, including in classrooms. Furthermore, and in accordance with government guidelines, staff and visitors will continue to wear face coverings indoors as they do now.

The Two Counties Trust will review this position at half term which will soon by upon us and make a decision on face coverings for the summer term in the light of up-to-date information on local infection rates.

As well as doing all we can to keep everyone safe, we are also mindful that our Year 11 and Year 13 students are sitting their substantial assessments soon, and we do not want to risk any disruption to their studies by periods of self-isolation when this is entirely avoidable.

I hope you understand that these decisions have been taken in the best interests of the health and safety of all concerned and we value your support.

Yours sincerely,

*W.J. Davies*

**Wesley Davies**

**Chief Executive Officer**

