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Dear Parents / carers,

Following the success of the booster programme, the Government have lifted measures that were implemented under Plan B. This means that there is no longer a mandatory requirement to wear face coverings in indoor venues, and Plan A measures have returned.

The spread of Coronavirus has not stopped, and there remains a risk of disruption to education. To ensure that children are able to access all of the opportunities that educational settings offer, schools will continue to identify situations where transmission is likely to be higher, and take action to manage outbreaks in line with Government and local guidance. The safety of children is a priority, and timely intervention will make sure that schools remain a safe and enjoyable place to learn. This will mean the reintroduction of various measures as cases increase within a setting, which will often be put in place without significant warning. This can include, but is not limited to, face coverings for secondary aged pupils, and enhanced testing. Any additional measures will be regularly reviewed to ensure that they have the desired effect, and that they can be removed safely as soon as it is appropriate.

We appreciate it can be challenging at times but there is currently a need to manage these measures as local case rates are high. It's vitally important that we all do our bit in helping to keep the virus at bay.

Settings will be working with local Health Protection teams and will continue to operate in line with DfE guidance and Government advice to ensure that face to face teaching can continue to be delivered to the highest standards.

Education settings are working hard to ensure they are doing everything they can to support children in schools. Thank you for your co-operation and continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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