



NORTON COLLEGE

Beyond Expectations

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Dear Parents and Carers

You will have heard in the media today that the government has removed the expectation that students should wear face coverings in lessons with effect from tomorrow.

As I have said in previous letters, there are several drawbacks to face coverings being worn in classrooms and we welcome this move back to a greater sense of normality. However, we continue to see a rise in the number of positive cases of Covid-19 across the college and we need to be mindful of the risks to the wider community.

Please note that, from tomorrow morning onwards, the following expectations will apply:

- Students will **no longer be expected to wear a face covering in lessons**, though they can if they choose to do so.
- Students **will continue to be expected to wear face coverings in all enclosed communal spaces**, other than when they are sat in the canteen.
- Students **will continue to be expected to wear face coverings on all school transport**.

We will continue to review these expectations in line with national and local guidance and we will update you as soon as anything changes.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Mr T Johnson

Headteacher