



## DEAN TRUST Ardwick

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that on 17th May, the Prime Minister will announce further relaxations to Covid restrictions. There are implications for schools which will be effective from Monday:

The government guidance states that *'the wearing of face masks for secondary school pupils will no longer be recommended either in classrooms or in communal areas.'* That may be a welcoming piece of news to your child, (however, if your child would feel better still wearing their mask that would be acceptable). The obvious benefit is that interaction between teachers and pupils will improve and will ensure the clearest possible communication to support learning.

Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms, however the government recommends that *'face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas'* Again, if staff would feel better still wearing their mask that would be acceptable.

The government guidance however does state that *'the reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern.'*

We are delighted that trips and visits can now restart, and that transition days for September's Year 7 pupils can be held in school later on in the term.

I hope you have enjoyed your Eid celebrations and I would like to close by wishing you Eid Mubarak.

Yours sincerely

Ms S Finlay  
**Headteacher**

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