

Dear Parents / Carers

As you know we decided at RHSC to take a cautious approach to the removal of face masks, and have put in place an interim measure of asking pupils to continue to wear them in communal areas, as well as in the lessons of a small number of staff who have particular concerns regarding the coronavirus. We also support any pupil who wishes to keep their mask on all day.

In light of the growing concern over the transmission of the so called 'Indian variant', we intend to continue with this after half term for at least one more week, and will review that decision when we return. Thank you for all the messages of support for this stance you have sent the school. As I have said before, this effectively means a very short wearing of coverings several times per day, so is hopefully regarded as a very reasonable and inoffensive request.

We will continue to consider other measures that we can ease, so that we can return the school's operation to normal, and have decided from half term that changing for PE will return completely to normal. This means that we will no longer let pupils who have PE first lesson come to school in their PE kit, and we will expect those who have it last lesson to change into their uniform before going home. So, please ensure your children do not come to school in their PE kit at any time, thanks.

We are beginning to plan for some trips and visits, so you might receive information about these if they involve your children, as we start to build the normally huge number of extra curricular activities we offer. This will take time, as we are not yet free to just go ahead with everything we would normally provide, but one of the features of our school is the sheer number of out of lesson opportunities we provide, and I look forward to building these up as we are allowed to.

I hope you have a nice family time over half term.

Yours sincerely

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