



Westfield Arts College



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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID guidance update

There has been a new announcement from the Government which I'm sure you have heard. From today there is no longer a recommendation to wear face coverings in classrooms, and from 27th January in communal areas.

Whilst it's no longer recommended by the Government, we will continue to adopt a common sense and cautious approach. We are still seeing a number of COVID-19 cases in both staff and pupils, and clearly face coverings have been a protective measure for close contacts. We will continue to wear face coverings in communal areas for now, and if there are classes which have been affected by cases it is sensible to continue to encourage the wearing of face coverings. Anyone who wishes to continue to wear a face covering can do so. Our pupils have been really sensible with this throughout the pandemic. We understand that some find it very difficult to wear a face covering and some are exempt, and we fully support this.

Public Health Dorset have made a statement in response to the changing guidance, reminding us that people in Dorset are still catching COVID-19 every day, and that we should all do what we can to prevent the transmission of the virus. You can read the statement here:

<https://www.publichealthdorset.org.uk/news/government-announces-easing-of-plan-b-measures>

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the twice weekly Lateral Flow testing of their child at home. This has been incredibly helpful in identifying cases and minimising the spread of the virus in school. Please continue to do this twice a week until the guidance changes.

With best wishes

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