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Dear Parent/Carer,

On the evening of the 19th January, the Department for Education updated its guidance for schools operation during the Covid Pandemic. This removed the requirement for face coverings in classrooms again from the 20th January.

Lealands is still operating its outbreak management plan following significant numbers of cases among staff, although I am pleased to report that these have reduced significantly in recent days. Therefore, we are now able to follow the national guidance which will no longer require students to wear face coverings in lessons from Monday 24th January at Lealands, however, these are still required in communal areas until the 27th January (please see extract from the guidance below). Please be aware that this situation may change nationally, locally or on a school basis depending on any changes in circumstances nationally or locally.

'From 20 January, face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms. From 27 January, face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in communal areas. From 27 January, staff and pupils should follow wider advice on face coverings outside of school, including on transport to and from school. In circumstances where face coverings are recommended a director of public health might advise you that face coverings should temporarily be worn in communal areas or classrooms (by pupils, staff and visitors, unless exempt). You should make sure your contingency plans cover this possibility.'

Department for Education, *Schools COVID-19 Operational Guidance*, January 2022

Thank you for your continued cooperation in these rapidly changing times. I also appreciate the support and care we have had from our students in following these rules.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Burridge
Headteacher



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