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Updated Covid Guidance

Dear parent or carer,

You will likely be familiar with the latest update, provided by the Prime Minister on Monday 10th May, outlining the easing of national measures. Naturally, the information provided has implications for schools and I wanted to share with you how the updated guidance will affect students from **Monday 17th May**.

Face coverings

In line with the guidance, from Monday 17th May face coverings will no longer be recommended or required for pupils in classrooms or communal areas. However, should a pupil wish to continue wearing a face mask as they move around school or in a classroom, they will be able to do so.

The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks. Please also note that children and young people aged 11 and over must still wear a face covering on public transport or dedicated school transport. This does not apply to children and young people who are exempt from wearing face coverings.

Year-Group Bubbles

Our current system of year-group bubbles will continue pending a further update to the guidance in June, although it is likely that the current structures will remain in place until the end of the academic year. Therefore, the system of staggered break and lunch times, as well as the staggered starts and ends to the school day will continue.

Covid-prevention measures

The range of Covid-control measures currently in place will also continue until any further update to the guidance:

- Ventilation will be maximised wherever possible.
- Pupils will be expected to sanitise their hands at the start and end of every lesson as well as any specific equipment or workspaces they may have used.
- An expectation to socially distance, when and where possible.
- Only on the days they have timetabled PE, pupils should come to school in their PE kit – please support your child and check timetables carefully. It is important to emphasise that this must only be Nether Stowe PE kit. Non-Nether Stowe hoodies, for example, are not acceptable.

Thank you for your continuing support and we will provide further information as and when the guidance is updated.

Best regards,
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