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Dear Parent(s), Guardian(s) Students

Updated advice was issued by the Department of Education this week. Please see below summarised points from that document.

Face coverings/mask wearing

It is no longer a requirement for staff or students to wear a face covering/mask in school. Staff and students can continue to wear a face covering/mask if they wish to do so, on a personal basis.

Staying at home if you have symptoms

The requirement to stay at home if you have symptoms remains – for students and staff alike. One of the key messages to manage the risks of COVID-19 is to do everything practical to avoid the introduction of COVID-19 into the school. If infection is not introduced it cannot be spread.

Hand Hygiene

Schools should continue to promote good hygiene. Hand hygiene can be achieved by hand washing or use of a hand sanitiser (when hands look clean).

School transport and Face coverings/mask wearing

With effect from Monday 28 February the wearing of face coverings/masks on school transport will no longer be mandatory but will continue to be advised. All other measures relating to hygiene (including the provision of hand sanitiser and additional cleaning of services) and pre-assigned seating will remain in place subject to further review.

Yours sincerely,

Josephine Donohue

Principal