



SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL

Oakleaze, Gloucester

COVID-19 Update

Dear Parents

It seems that every time I write to parents about the frequency of my whole school emails, government guidance changes and I am required to communicate with all members of the school community more quickly than I had anticipated.

Face coverings

From tomorrow, Thursday 20 January, face coverings are no longer recommended in classrooms and teaching spaces for staff, and pupils in secondary schools. They were introduced in classrooms at the start of the this term as a temporary measure. From tomorrow, we will not require pupils or staff to wear face coverings in classrooms.

Furthermore, The Department for Education has informed us that the wearing of face coverings will no longer be mandatory for all staff, visitors and pupils in secondary schools in all communal areas from Thursday 27 January. It is likely that we will be able to follow this guidance as not only does the national infection data showing the prevalence of COVID-19 appear to be on a downward trajectory, but our own numbers in school remain low. However, we will undertake a full review of our control measures before this decision is finalised. I will, of course, update parents when this has been carried out.

I continue to express my gratitude for your forbearance and support during what continues to be a turbulent period.

Yours sincerely

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