



Cardinal Hume Catholic School

13<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are well and finding that things are slowly moving back to some level of normality. As I am sure you are aware, the prime minister announced that the next step of the government's roadmap out of restrictions will go ahead from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

While there are very few changes to the guidance for schools, some of them are significant, particularly the announcement that the short-term measure requiring students to wear face masks in schools has now ended. This is encouraging news and I can confirm that:

- From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, it is recommended that students do not wear face coverings in lessons or in communal areas of the school
- Until 28<sup>th</sup> May, students are welcome to continue to wear a face mask in school, but only if they wish
- Face masks remain mandatory on school buses and public transport

While this is encouraging, I must stress that this one small step and all other protective measures in school remain in place, such as:

- Distancing, in lessons and in communal areas
- Orderly movement and staggered school start, end and lesson change times
- Student bubbles
- Frequent handwashing
- Catch it, bin it, kill it routine
- Enhanced cleaning

As restrictions are gradually lifted in wider society, as well as the removal of face masks in school, it is vital that we strictly ensure that the above systems are maintained. This way, we can continue to mitigate against the spread of Covid-19.

We are looking forward to seeing our students' faces again after several challenging weeks for them in terms of their learning, communication and comfort in school. We are extremely proud of the way they have responded – they should be commended for their mature and sensible approach to these necessary measures.

Yours faithfully,

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