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Hello everyone.

I am sure you will agree that the announcements made by government on Monday night are very positive and more than welcome. Things finally feel like they are starting to get back to something more normal.

I am delighted to inform you that as from next Monday (17th May 2021) there will be no more need to wear a mask whilst you are **outside on the school premises**. I would like to thank you all sincerely for abiding by this policy since we introduced it, **you have been amazing**, and I know it has helped us to control infection in school. If you would prefer to continue to wear a mask when you are on the premises, then please feel free to do so.

Staff and visitors will need to continue to wear masks indoors for the time being, but hopefully this measure can be reviewed at the next step of easing. We will continue to work in bubbles with staggered timings throughout the day, and realistically, this will probably be the case for the rest of the academic year.

Please remember, the virus has not gone away!! It is only because we have all worked so hard at controlling it that we are now at this stage, and it would be really foolish to throw it all away now. Therefore, please remember to follow the systems in place, (**one way around the playground and social distancing particularly**) until we are informed it is safe to change this. We will continue to remind people about social distancing if we feel it is necessary, so please don't be offended if we mention it to you. This will be purely about keeping us all safe.

Once again, thank you so much for all the support you have given us throughout this pandemic, and (fingers crossed) we are now slowly but surely moving out of it.

Kindest regards as ever,

Brian Doherty