



# The Astley Cooper School

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Dear Parent/ Carer

## Face coverings

You may have seen in the news this week that the government has revised its guidance on the wearing of face coverings in schools. From **Monday 17 May**, face coverings are no longer recommended for students in classrooms or communal areas. However, they are still recommended in places where social distancing is not possible, in the corridors, on staircases and in the dining room for all staff and visitors to the school. If your child would feel more comfortable wearing a face covering in a classroom or around school, they are welcome to do so.

The same guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) also says that schools may re introduce the wearing of face coverings for students for a temporary period in response to localised outbreaks. We hope that this will not be necessary.

The DfE guidance ***Face Coverings in Education May 2021*** is available at:

[DfE Guidance - Face coverings in education](#)

As you may know, we had a positive case over the last week and a number of students had to be sent home to self-isolate. Please can I remind you to continue the twice-weekly lateral flow tests in order to ensure the safety of our community.

Thank you for the support you have given us in upholding the wearing of face coverings since the full return to school on 8 March. We have been very impressed with our students' response to the wearing of masks and face coverings. We hope that this will not be necessary at all after the May half-term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr E Gaynor  
Headteacher

