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# Ralph Allen School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, Mr Johnson has reduced some restrictions from the 17 May and we have considered how we will apply these changes within school. As a result of the announcements our actions are as follows:

- Face coverings will no longer be compulsory in classrooms. We are still operating year group bubbles and they are still required when moving around the site. This includes leaving and entering the school. Students will be permitted to wear face coverings in classrooms if they wish. This is the only restriction we are removing at this point and we will continue to minimise risk until government guidelines change again.
- Year group bubbles and other restrictions are still in place. These include different entrances, zones at break and lunch, different Dining Halls, different toilets, staggered leaving times, different non overlapping lunches, sanitisers in all classrooms and wiping desks before use.

It does sound a lot and I recently described lockdown as an endurance in which we have all worked so hard to maintain some normality. As previously mentioned, I have the highest admiration for students who had to wear face coverings in classrooms for two months.

## Testing

Thank you for continuing to support students in testing at home. Cases in BANEs are very low but there have been some recent local cases. This will still play a part in minimising any further outbreaks. A reminder that lateral flow testing should take place at home twice a week on a Sunday and Wednesday evening. Results should then be uploaded to both to the [Government](#) website and the [school](#).

We are almost reaching a point where we reflect on the year from Covid and a learning point of view. We will send you a survey next week for you to give the school honest feedback on the education of your son(s)/daughter(s). This information will be extremely useful moving forward. Thank you for your support.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Greenhough', enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

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