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13<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

### Face Coverings in Secondary

As the rates of Covid-19 continue to reduce in Halton, and nationally, we are able to start to reduce some of the protective measures we have in place.

I am sure you have all seen the recent announcements regarding Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May and the next stage of the road map. The link below gives you the information regarding the easing of restrictions and what they mean for us.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-easing-of-covid-restrictions-confirmed-for-17-may>

One of the protective measures that is being reduced is the wearing of face coverings in education. The link below gives the details of the use of face coverings in education from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/face-coverings-no-longer-required-in-schools-and-colleges-from-17-may>

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May Onwards & Liverpool City Region Cases

Following advice from Public Health, and after close liaison with other high schools and the Local Authority, we will take a balanced approach.

Students will **NOT** be required to wear their face covering in classes, however, we are still **recommending** they should wear them in communal areas. These include corridors and the dining room, unless eating. This is due to a significant rise in cases in Sefton (52 per 100,000). Halton, St Helens and Warrington are all below 20 per 100,000 currently. The rise in Sefton is due to the new Indian variant; but it is prudent for us to take an approach where we can keep each other safe. However, we will continue to allow any students that want to wear them in class, to do so. Should advice change, I will update you as soon as possible, and we will keep this under constant review.

### Home Testing

Please can I remind you to ensure that your child(ren) are still using the home testing kits and sending the results into school. This is a further measure to help you and our school community keep safe and I appreciate your support in this matter.

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### **Year 11 Leaving Date**

Year 11 students will finish on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May and have their traditional leavers assembly on this date. This will unfortunately not follow the usual format and all necessary protocols will be in place to ensure the safety of all students and staff. The expectation is that Year 11 students will still engage in remote learning until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June and more details will be provided to Year 11 parents and carers regarding this.

Some Year 11 students may be required to attend following the half term to engage in some of this learning face to face and to also ensure they have all the necessary evidence for their Teacher Assessed Grades.

Students classed as 'vulnerable' will also still have the opportunity to attend school until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June, should this be requested. Should you require a vulnerable place, please can you email Miss Bate at [info@thegrangeacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@thegrangeacademy.co.uk) with **Year 11 Place** in the subject heading. Miss Bate will also write to Year 11 parents and carers before the half term break with more details about the above.

### **Break Times & Lunch Times**

Following the half term break, we will continue to have separate break and lunch times as this allows more space for students. However, we will be reducing the number of breaks we need to have due to Year 11 not being on-site. All the same arrangements for the start and the end of the day will remain as they are now.

### **Sports Day**

Sports Day in the Secondary phase will be completed throughout the timetabled PE curriculum. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions in place we cannot hold the traditional Sports Day, but we hope this will be possible next summer.

Can I ask that parents and carers still wear their face masks on and around the Plaza. This restriction has not yet been reduced as adults are still expected to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing.

Thank you so much for the support you have given to the school and your child(ren) during the year so far.

Yours faithfully



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