



11 May 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I write to you following the announcements made by the Prime Minister yesterday (10 May 2021) with specific reference to the use of face masks in schools.

In line with recommendations, students **will no longer be required to wear face masks in lessons or communal areas from Monday 17th May**. We are aware that some students may continue to have concerns though, and we are happy for individuals to continue to wear masks should they choose to.

As per recommendations, adults will continue to wear face masks outside of the classroom, whilst in corridors or the canteen. We would ask that all visitors to the school wear masks until the next stage of the national roadmap.

Should the local situation change significantly – either in terms of infections within school or in the wider community – we may have to reconsider this action in discussion with the relevant authorities. You will be pleased to know that we have had no positive test results for COVID from any students or staff since we returned from the last lockdown.

In the meantime, we will be handing out some more Lateral Flow Testing kits to the students over the next 3 days. Please continue to report to us any tests taken and email office@kingscollegetguildford.com if you get a positive result.

A lateral flow test is only for students if there are no symptoms. If your child is experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID (high temperature, new persistent cough, loss of smell or taste), they will need to get a PCR test from a centre. <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

It's worth noting that we have been exceptionally impressed with the manner in which our students have responded to the requirements we have had for some months now around masks and we are pleased that the national picture has changed to such an extent that these measures can be removed.

My thanks to you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. McKenzie', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mr A. McKenzie
Principal