

13 May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Changes to National Guidance on the Wearing of Coverings in Schools**

On Monday, 10 May 2021 the Department for Education (DfE) updated its guidance to schools regarding the wearing of face coverings in schools. This guidance now states that from Monday, 17 May 2021 it is no longer necessary for students in secondary schools to wear a face covering and that school staff are now only expected to wear a face covering in communal areas and corridors where social distancing can not be achieved, although we will support any of our staff who choose to continue to wear a face covering.

This means that from Monday, 17 May 2021 your child will no longer need to wear a face covering in school. However, if they wish to continue to wear a face covering in corridors and communal areas, then, of course, they may.

Please be aware that other control measures, including additional cleaning, hand washing/sanitising and year group 'bubbles' will remain in place in school in line with national and DfE guidance and in line with the school's revised COVID risk assessment that can be found on our website.

### **Uniform and standards**

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you of our high uniform standards. All students must wear and be equipped as summarised below, and further details can be found on our website:

Academy or plain white long or short sleeved shirt with a stiff collar  
Academy trousers or skirt – black  
Academy clip-on tie  
Academy jacket – black  
Plain black socks or 40 denier tights  
Plain black shoes – trainers, boots, pumps or canvas shoes are not permitted

A school bag with pencil case (containing a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber) and planner

No jewellery is allowed except a wrist watch and a Medic Alert necklace or bracelet. Smart watches are not allowed in the Academy.

Noticeable make-up is not allowed.

Hairstyles and hair colour should be sensible.

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A list of Directors' names is open to inspection at our registered office.

We appreciate that there are occasions when you may welcome support with uniform and equipment. If this is the case please do not hesitate to contact your child's learning manager or request a hardship grant application form from reception by telephone 01642 586262 or email [enquiries@bishopsgarth.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@bishopsgarth.outwood.com).

Thank you for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Robinson', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mark Robinson  
Head of School