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Dear Parents/ Carers,

You may be aware that following a further government review this week, children no longer have to wear face coverings in school from Monday 17th May. The guidance reads:

*“Based on the current state of the pandemic and the positive progress being made, it is no longer necessary to recommend the additional precautionary face covering measures ... From 17 May, in line with Step 3 of the roadmap, face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils in classrooms or communal areas in all schools. Children and young people aged 11 and over must still wear a face covering on public transport. In accordance with advice from PHE, they must also wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated transport to secondary school”.*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, and your children, for complying with the need to wear face coverings in school every day in the weeks and months since the November national lockdown. If your child wishes to continue to wear a face covering they may, however it will not be school policy to recommend this (in line with national policy). All other Covid Safe measures remain in place at school as we adhere fully to the Government’s guidance. As a result, regular home testing and handwashing together with other measures such as keeping windows open will still need to be followed. In addition, face coverings will still be required on buses and public transport. Extra-curricular activities are opening up more widely in school and I would encourage all students to take advantage of the opportunities on offer.

We have high expectations of our children and are keen to ensure that our high standards of behaviour and good conduct are retained. Part of our return to ‘normal’ is the requirement to wear the correct school uniform and we would greatly value your support with this when sending your children to school.

With the prospect of lockdown restrictions further easing, children will be using technology at home in different ways. It is really noticeable how confident they have become with computers over the last 12 months and as parents and carers we need to support them, whilst trying to navigate the many apps and sites ourselves. Please see key resources shared in a letter sent on 11.02.2021, which included links to information and guides to help you support your child with being considerate to others’ feelings online and with making appropriate choices to ensure they have positive online experiences- [CLICK HERE](#).



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## **Easy Fundraising Reminder**

### **Support our school's PTFA**

Our PTFA are currently raising funds for a new exciting venture to purchase an outdoor amphitheatre for our children, supporting their drama and outdoor learning opportunities. If you haven't yet done so, don't forget to register on the Easyfundraising website so that your online shopping can bring in donations without costing them a penny. It really is easy to do. Whilst we have had some donations from this, I still think as a school community we could do even more, if even more parents/ carers supported this initiative - all at no cost to you.

When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay, Marks and Spencer, Tesco and notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for WMMS PTFA.

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway – and then simply shop online as normal. Visit our designated easyfundraising page to get started - [click here](#).

Many thanks for all your kind words of support and gratitude, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Warmest Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr Deborah Craddock', on a light-colored rectangular background.

Dr Deborah Craddock  
Headteacher