

Dear Parent/Guardian,

From Monday 21 March, the Department of Education's position on pupils wearing facemasks in schools is that, "it will no longer be recommended that a face covering is worn by post-primary pupils in classrooms. It remains strongly recommended that post-primary pupils wear a face covering when inside corridors and confined communal spaces such as toilet areas. It is strongly recommended that all pupils regardless of age continue to wear a face covering on all public and school transport where it is appropriate for them to do so and they are able to handle them as directed. They should not be used by some children and young people with special educational needs who may become distressed."

At Methody, we will continue to encourage pupils to wear their face masks in the classroom, while recognising that is down to the conscience of the individual as to whether or not they do so. Other Covid mitigations remain in place in order to help minimise the risk of infection. Thank you for your continued understanding and support in this matter.