

Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form

A Youth Sport Trust Lead School for Leadership, Coaching and Volunteering

Addison Road, Banbury
Oxfordshire
OX16 9DG
Tel: 01295 264216
www.bgn.oxon.sch.uk

Compassion
Respect
Truth
Service
Forgiveness



14 May 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Following the news of an improving situation with regard to Covid-19, we have reviewed our risk assessments in line with the updated government guidelines. We are now in a position to relax the requirement around wearing face coverings in class for both students and staff. Of course, we will support any student who wishes to continue wearing a face covering, as we did previously. We are all very much looking forward to being able to smile at each other again.

The guidelines continue to require staff to wear face coverings in communal areas where maintaining social distance is difficult. We identified several areas within the school building where it was more difficult for staff and students to remain a two-metre distance from one another. These included:-

- The communal areas inside, especially the Corrigan Building (corridors, stairwell, and toilets), during lesson changeover
- When queuing for food inside the dining hall
- In the staffroom corridor and reprographics areas, the main office/reception area, and some poorly ventilated office areas (meeting room and the Key Stage 3 pastoral office)

We believe it is sensible to ask everyone on the school site, staff, visitors and our students, to continue to wear their face coverings in these areas. We hope parents will see this is a sensible approach, particularly if it helps to prevent future outbreaks and the need to send year group bubbles home. It will mean wearing face coverings for just a few minutes during lesson changeovers, or whilst in the lunch queue.

Of course, we are aware of a number of students who have requested an exemption card and these can continue to be used.

Please note, the changes regarding the wearing of face coverings in classrooms will come into effect from Monday 17 May 2021.

On behalf of the staff at BGN School, I would like to thank you for your support throughout this very difficult year.

Yours sincerely

Niamh Dolan
Principal

Principal: **Ms Niamh Dolan, BSc (Hons)** headteacher@bgn.oxon.sch.uk

An academy within The Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Company which is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity registered in England and Wales with company number 9113542 and registered address Addison Road, Banbury, Oxon, OX16 9DG.

“The school’s contribution to pupils’ personal, spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is exemplary. Pupils go out of their way to do good things. They act as positive role models for younger children.” *Ofsted, June 2017*