

20th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Update regarding face coverings

Yesterday evening the Department for Education wrote to all schools to update following the announcement from the Prime Minister regarding the removal of all Plan B measures by Thursday 27th January. This decision is based on a trend in the data which shows a decline in the number of positive cases nationally. This trend has been mirrored at The Dean Academy.

Specifically in schools this means:

- From today, Thursday 20 January, face coverings are no longer recommended in classrooms and teaching spaces for staff and students in Year 7 and above. They were introduced in classrooms at the start of the spring term as a temporary measure.
- From Thursday 27 January, face coverings are no longer recommended in communal areas for staff and students in Year 7 and above.

However, we do know that there will be some students who feel more comfortable wearing a face covering for personal reasons and will want to continue to wear face coverings in classrooms and around site.

Yours sincerely



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