



## Covid 19 – Mask Update.

Hello everyone,

As promised, a review of the need for children and staff to wear masks whilst indoor at school has been undertaken.

It appears that the number of Covid 19 cases in our community has fallen and that winter illnesses that were once widespread are trending downwards too.

Happily, attendance at school (something that we use as an indicator around community illness) is also showing signs of improvement.

This being the case, from Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of August we will return to mask use being optional for all children and staff and the school drop off point will be removed. School will be open to parents and caregivers again.

We do however ask that:

- All visitors to school continue to wear a mask.

We are hopeful that with the warmer weather to come and the increasing opportunities to be outside, with the reduction in case and winter illness numbers, and a continued focus on high levels of cleaning and hygiene, that a return to mask wearing and the like will not be required.

However, one thing that we have all seen over the last few years is that this situation is very fluid, and should it change then a reintroduction of the mask wearing requirements may need to be reintroduced. We will provide early advise should this be the case.

Kind regards,

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