



Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

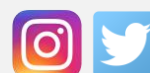
I hope that you are well. I am writing to outline some of our changes in practice following the government's advice regarding social distancing over the next few weeks and months.

I am very happy to announce that we have had 42 consecutive days of no COVID-19 cases at Pool Hayes Academy amongst our staff or students. This decline in numbers from before Easter mirrors the national and local pictures of a decline in numbers of positive COVID-19 cases. As such, we intend to make the following changes to our social distancing practices.

1. 17th May 2021 - Face masks will become optional for students in all areas of the academy. Staff will cease to wear them except in communal areas of the academy where social distancing is not possible. This is in line with government guidance on face coverings in educational settings which can be found here; <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education>
2. 19th May 2021 - Staff meetings and briefings will begin to happen in face-to-face settings rather than virtually.
3. 7th June 2021 - Assemblies will begin to happen in face-to-face settings rather than virtually.
4. 3rd September 2021 - Normal timetable in operation with lessons happening in subject specific classrooms.

Please bear in mind that if your child uses public transport to get to and from our academy, they must continue to wear a face covering for the duration of their commute.

All of this is subject to any changes following Government Guidance, or variation in local and national trends regarding COVID-19 infection rates.



More than ever, we strongly recommend that all our staff and students engage in twice-weekly LFT testing. These kits are continuing to be delivered to students regularly in the academy.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Bradnick-Thompson
Acting Principal

