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Dear Parent/Carer

As I write this letter, it feels like we are lurching from one 'storm' to another, with hopefully good news regarding covid, but at the moment, a real battering from storm Eunice. You will recall, I wrote to you last week with an update on a number of points of interest, one being covid infections and the wearing of face masks. I am pleased to report, during the last week, infections amongst students and staff have continued to fall and we are now in a position to relax our position on masks. Therefore, from Monday 28 February, the wearing of face masks for students and staff will be optional. I am very aware, that amongst all our school community there are differing views on masks and it is important we respect the continued anxieties for some, who will want to continue with the protection, whereas for others, there will be much relief in being able to remove them.

Once again, thank you very much indeed for your overwhelming support throughout the pandemic. With your help, we have managed to navigate the last 2 years with fewer infections and less disruption to education than other schools in the area. I am very proud of all our staff and students, who have managed the very difficult situations we have been faced with, with great professionalism, understanding and mutual support. We have proved that in adversity, the teamwork from staff, students and parents, has allowed us to be the best that we can be and hopefully now we are coming out the other end of the pandemic with a lot to be optimistic about.

For many reasons this has been a challenging half-term for us all, so I hope next week, as families, you manage to get time together to enjoy some down time to rest and relax, you have certainly earned it.

My best wishes to you all.

Peter Roberts

Headteacher