



EMMANUEL COLLEGE
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear Parents and Carers

I write to you with an update on our COVID procedures in College. As you will be aware, the next stage in the government's 'roadmap' begins on 17 May. As part of this, the operational guidance on face-coverings in schools changes. From Monday, **face-coverings will not be recommended for students, either in classrooms or in communal areas** and, therefore, **do not** need to be worn at Emmanuel College. I would still advise students to carry face-coverings with them, since they will be required inside in other public spaces and on public transport.

In line with changing national guidance on indoor hospitality, in sixth form study spaces, rather than sitting individually, students will be able to sit within small groups. We will also ease Year 7 socialising at lunchtimes, so that students are able to socialise between class groups after they have had their lunch. This is consistent with what is currently happening in other year groups.

I thank you, once more, for your support at this time and for the way in which our students have conducted themselves with regard to the restrictions. Obviously, the virus has not disappeared, and many restrictions do, by necessity, remain in place. We must continue to be vigilant.

I also want to take this opportunity to share with you a link in the light of this being Mental Health Awareness Week. This website provides parents and carers with a range of strategies to support their children: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>. Our [Welfare Support page](#) also provides links to a number of websites and agencies which can provide young people and their families with support.

Yours sincerely

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