



EMMANUEL COLLEGE  
*Emmanuel Schools Foundation*

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Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope that you are well and that you have been able to enjoy this great weather, at least for some of the time. May I thank you again for all the best wishes and expressions of care that I received from students and parents during my time away from College. I can confirm that I am very much on the mend and that I am looking forward to returning fully to work on Monday 7 June.

I am afraid that I have to write to you with some disappointing news; because of the number and pattern of new COVID-19 cases in College, we have been advised by Public Health Gateshead **to ask students to return to wearing face coverings at all times for the first two weeks of the new half term (from Monday 7 June until Friday 18 June).**

This is not really what we wanted for the start of the new half term, but it is important we take appropriate steps to avoid a school closure or having to ask some year groups to work from home. While, like the nation as a whole, we are looking forward to the end of restrictions and particularly to the opportunities we know this will bring for students to fully engage in the broad holistic education we consider so important, we know that we must be responsible and careful.

We shall review our approach to face coverings again in time for the week commencing Monday 21 June, in consultation with our Public Health colleagues, and will communicate with you at that time.

I know that our students will respond with maturity and understanding to this change, as they have done throughout.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Waterfield  
**Principal**