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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the government announcement on Monday, 10 May 2021, I am writing to update you on the changes to Covid measures at Fairfax Academy.

From Monday, 17 May 2021 students will be not expected to wear masks in classrooms or communal areas and, as such, students do not need to bring face coverings to school. The expectation will be that students do not wear face coverings unless parents have contacted the Academy. If you wish your child to continue to wear a face covering please email [post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk) adding 'Face Coverings' as the subject header.

The other change of note to the government guidance is that school residential trips within England can recommence. Fairfax Academy will take a measured response to this change in guidance, but very much hopes to run some Duke of Edinburgh's Award trips and Geography Field Visits late in the summer term.

Within the constraints of the guidance set by the government, Fairfax Academy will be phasing in some measures to create a 'more normal' school experience for our students, to equip them for when the government guidance on Covid measures is lifted entirely.

The overview of our planned changes is summarized in the table below but is subject to change dependent on government guidance.

Week beginning 7 June 2021				
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gate 3</li> <li>Start time: 08:30</li> <li>Break time: 09:55-10:15</li> <li>Lunch time: 12:15-12:50</li> <li><b>New</b> finish time: 14:40</li> <li>Separate Boys' PE and Girls' PE Groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gate 1</li> <li><b>New</b> start time: 08:30</li> <li>Break time: 09:55-10:15</li> <li>Lunch time: 12:15-12:50</li> <li>Finish time: 14:40</li> <li>Separate Boys' PE and Girls' PE Groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gate 3</li> <li><b>New</b> start time: 08:40</li> <li><b>New</b> break time: 10:55-11:15</li> <li><b>New</b> lunch time: 13:15-13:50</li> <li><b>New</b> finish time: 14:50</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gate 1</li> <li><b>New</b> start time: 08:40 and Tutor Time re-introduced</li> <li>Break time: 10:55-11:15</li> <li>Lunch time: 13:15-13:50</li> <li>Finish time: 14:50</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gate 2</li> <li><b>New</b> start time: 08:40 and Tutor Time re-introduced</li> <li>Break time: 10:55-11:15</li> <li>Lunch time: 13:15-13:50</li> <li>Finish time: 14:50</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students move to specialist classrooms for Art, Drama, Music and DT</li> <li>Students move to laboratories for some Science lessons</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same day detentions move to Refocus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work detentions resume</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same day detentions resume</li> <li>Work detentions resume</li> </ul>

We are delighted that Year 12 will be able to attend school for full days from 7 June 2021, and that all year groups will have tutor time re-introduced. Tutor time is an essential part of the school day where elements of RSE and character education are delivered.

Please note the changes to start and end times of the school day that commence on 7 June 2021. Students should arrive at their allocated gate and start time punctually to get their morning attendance mark in tutor time.

A reminder that attendance at school is mandatory. If your child is required to self-isolate, you should inform the Academy so that appropriate absence codes are applied. Students should aim for 97% attendance.

Please be advised that we are currently planning to maintain the current groupings up until the end of the academic year, and I will update you again following the next announcement regarding Stage 4 of the government road map.

Thank you for your continued support, as we find our way through the next stage of Covid-19 protocols and guidance.

Yours sincerely



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**Head of Academy**