

14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents/Carer

You will be aware that on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Government guidance states that face coverings in schools are no longer mandatory. **With effect from that date, the wearing of face coverings at Etone College is therefore optional.**

**All other safety measures will remain in place, as per Government guidance, including good ventilation, handwashing and social distancing. Testing in schools and colleges continues to be important, so I urge all pupils and families to keep testing themselves twice weekly, to help reduce the risk of transmission.**

You may also be aware from local media, that Public Health England has identified a small number of cases of the VOC-21APR-02 COVID-19 variant (originally identified in India) in Nuneaton.

A statement from Public Health has been issued and is available at:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2113/statement-from-dr-shade-agboola-director-of-public-health-warwickshire-on-covid-cases-in-nuneaton>

We are sharing this information with you in order to make you aware of the situation in the local area. Please be assured that we will follow all guidance in order to keep our pupils, staff and members of the wider community as safe as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



**Mr I Smith**  
**Headteacher**