

20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Students,

**Updated guidance on the use of face coverings in Education settings**

The government updated its COVID-19 information for FE providers yesterday.

In summary, from today, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022, face coverings will no longer be required in classrooms or other teaching spaces such as workshops. However, please continue to wear your masks in communal areas until the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that it is important that you still test twice weekly using the lateral flow tests that the College is providing and report it on the NHS site. Self-isolation is still required if you test positive.

Please also consider the option of the vaccination programme that is widely available now.

Yours sincerely,



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**Principal and Chief Executive**