

Dear Students and Parents,

The summer is approaching and it has been very hot lately. At the same time, our bodies are not quite used to the heat yet. Therefore, I have a very important request to ask of you.

It is not necessary to wear masks at school anymore, and Covid-19 has been downgraded to a Class 5 infectious disease. It might be hard for some people to take off their mask after wearing one for such a long time, but it is also really important for us to prevent heatstroke in order to protect our health and lives in this hot season.

- Generally speaking, it is no longer necessary to wear masks at school.
- Please take off your masks in P.E. classes, during physical club activities and when walking or riding a bicycle to and from school.
- ※ We tend not to feel thirsty when wearing masks. Therefore, to keep from getting heatstroke, we should be careful about wearing masks outside or while exercising.
- We have various reasons to wear masks. Please consult with your teachers or adults around you if you have any concerns.

※ It is recommended to wear masks in crowded trains or buses when commuting.

※ Please consider your health first regarding wearing masks. However, preventing an infectious disease will become the first priority when one is spreading.

Thank you for your understanding and we appreciate cooperation from parents and local residents as well.

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