

29 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Government COVID-19 Guidance Update

On Saturday 27 November, the Prime Minister announced new temporary measures following the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK. The new measures will be introduced as a precaution to slow down the spread of the variant while we gather more information.

Face Coverings:

- Face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors and pupils or pupils in Year 7 and above, unless they are exempt. Pupils (in year 7 or above) should continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt.

Testing:

- All staff and pupils should test twice weekly using lateral flow device (LFD) tests. If you have been positive in the past three months you do not need to.

Contact Tracing and Isolation

- The current guidance on contact tracing and isolation remains in place. In addition to these, any suspected or confirmed close contacts of the Omicron variant will be asked to isolate for 10 days regardless of vaccination status or age.

Arrangements for COVID-19 testing during the holidays and on return in January 2022 for all educational and childcare settings in England

All staff and pupils should test over the Christmas holidays in line with national guidance. It is looking highly likely that on site testing will occur in January 2022 following the Christmas break. The school will be in contact once we have confirmation.

If you require any more lateral flow test kits please contact the school on 01482 854588

Yours sincerely

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