



29th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Updated COVID19 Guidance

On Saturday 27th November, the Prime Minister announced new temporary measures following the emergence of the Omicron variant of C19. These new measures will be introduced as a precaution and will be kept under constant review. The measures are:

1. All international arrivals must take a Day 2 PCR test and self-isolate until they receive a negative result.
2. All contacts suspected of Omicron cases must self-isolate, regardless of their vaccination status. They will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace.
3. Face coverings will be made compulsory in shops and on public transport. All hospitality settings will be exempt

On Sunday 28th November, the DfE released specific guidance for schools and colleges.

1. Face coverings

Face coverings should be worn in communal areas and corridors by staff, visitors and students, unless they are exempt. Students are not required to wear face coverings in classrooms.

2. Testing

Students and staff are encouraged to test twice weekly using lateral flow device tests.

3. Contact tracing and isolation

The [current guidance on contact tracing and isolation](#) remains in place. In addition to these, any suspected or confirmed close contact of the Omicron variant will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days regardless of vaccination status or age. **Individuals will be contacted directly and told to self-isolate.**

We will update our risk assessments and continue to monitor the situation and where necessary take additional precautions. We will continue to be guided by government guidance and make any changes once they release further information.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ismail
Principal

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