

29th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you will have now heard that new measures have been brought into force for schools as part of the attempt to limit the spread of the COVID-19 Omicron variant. On Sunday evening, we received the details of these measures from the Department for Education.

All students, teachers, and visitors to the school are now required to wear face masks in all places except for the classroom. The only exception to this will be those who are medically exempt from wearing a face mask.

This means that students must wear a face mask:

- On school transport
- In school corridors
- In the agora and dining hall (when not eating or drinking)
- If they leave the classroom during a lesson
- In any other communal areas of the school
- In areas where social distancing is not possible

I appreciate that this is a late message from the Department for Education and that not all students will be prepared with face masks for school today. **Any students who do have face masks available should wear these in school from today.**

All students must bring a face mask for school from Tuesday 30th November. Students are expected to wear this mask as described above, any students who do not do this and refuse instructions from staff members to do so will be sanctioned in line with our school behaviour policy.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, please keep them at home and book a PCR test for them. The three main COVID-19 symptoms remain:

- a temperature of 37.8 degrees or higher;
- a new continuous cough;
- a change to or loss of taste and smell.

Wearing face masks and regular lateral flow testing, in combination with our other protective measures, are the best way to keep the school community safe and open to all students. Lateral flow tests are available to students at school and can be collected from local pharmacies.

I will write to you again if we receive any further updates from the Department for Education. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school if you need any support, advice, or further guidance.

Yours sincerely,



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