

29th November 2021

Re: New measures in response to the Omicron variant of COVID-19

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the announcements made by the Prime Minister on Saturday 27th November, the wearing of face coverings by staff, visitors and students will be compulsory in school in all communal areas, unless exempt. This comes into effect on Tuesday 30th November. Students should provide their own face coverings; please ensure you send your child to school with a face covering each morning.

The wearing of face coverings is also compulsory on all school transport and public transport. Any student travelling to school by bus should wear a covering at all times, unless they are exempt.

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. In this instance you will be contacted directly and told to isolate.

Testing

We continue to encourage all staff and students to test twice weekly using lateral flow device (LFD) tests. Students can continue to collect test kits from their Tutor during registration.

Vaccination

All eligible staff and students aged 12 and over are encouraged to take up the offer of the vaccine, including boosters. Vaccines are our best defence against COVID-19. They help protect young people and adults, and benefit those around them. Vaccination makes people less likely to catch the virus and less likely to pass it on. To book a vaccination, please visit: [Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination – NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#).

Yours sincerely,



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