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Dear parents and carers

Information on new measures in response to the identification of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK

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 DfE have since updated their guidance to schools, which I am sharing with you here.

The new measures will be introduced as a precaution to slow down the spread of the variant while the government gather more information. The Department for Education will continue to keep this under review as the situation develops.

Face coverings

The expectation from the Government is that face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors and students in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt. As we are a Middle School, we'd like to apply the same expectations to students in all year groups.

Students should continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt.

Testing

I'd like to encourage all staff and students to continue test twice weekly using lateral flow device (LFD) tests and to report their results to the NHS.

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. You will be contacted directly and told to isolate if this should apply to you or your child.

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.





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To book a vaccination, please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

Thank you for your continued support for the school at this time.

Kind regards,

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