

Sunday 28th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Covid Update – Omicron Variant

Yesterday 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.

Part of these measures is the **requirement** that face coverings should be worn in communal areas in by staff, visitors and students, unless they are exempt. Additionally, students should continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt.

Student and staff have been wearing face-coverings for several weeks now, so this requirement does not affect what we are currently asking members of our community to do.

Please do ensure that your child always has an appropriate face-covering or exemption lanyard with them, which is worn as directed above.

I'm sure we'll learn more about the Omicron variant in the next few days, but do remember that we can all do our bit to reduce the spread of infection:

- students are asked to test regularly at home and take a confirmatory PCR if their LFD test proves positive.
- if a student is feeling at all unwell (but has tested negative) they should stay at home
- all members of the academy community remember the rules about basic hygiene and regular handwashing.
- Parents/carers should consider the advisability of weekend sleepovers/social gatherings which have in the past been a source of spread of infection.

As ever, should you have any concerns or the need for further information, the best way forward is to contact us. We are here to listen.

With thanks, as ever, for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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