

Sunday 2nd January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Face Coverings in Classrooms from January

Firstly, Happy New Year! I hope that you have enjoyed the Christmas break, remained in good health and been able to spend quality time with families and loved ones. Whatever 2022 has in store for us, know that at Oak we will continue to keep education and well-being at the heart of what we do and we're looking forward to deepening our love of Reading, completing our Duke of Edinburgh and Ten Tors challenges and supporting all students with their studies, with a particular focus on Year 11 as they work towards their GCSE exams in the summer.

A reminder that where consent has been given, some students will attend Oak on Tuesday 4th January to complete a lateral flow test. Full details have already been shared with families involved and we're looking forward to welcoming students on Tuesday at their arranged time slot to complete their test.

Students and staff are also strongly encouraged to continue to test twice a week using lateral flow devices, on Sunday and Wednesday evenings, reporting results to the [NHS here](#). We will continue to hand out test kits to students at regular points throughout the term.

And with that in mind, term starts for all students on **Wednesday 5th January**.

Students and staff are still expected to wear a suitable face-covering when in corridors and communal areas – a continuation of where we finished last term.

Additionally, following guidance published by the government today, **students will be expected to wear face coverings in classrooms and teaching spaces for a short time only**. This guidance will be reviewed on the 26th January and is intended to help limit the spread of infection as we all return to school following a period of social mixing.

We will continue to have a limited supply of face-coverings available in Reception, but students and parents must take responsibility to ensure that they have a suitable face-covering or exemption lanyard, both of which must be always worn correctly until the 26th January.

As always, thank you for your support as we work together to keep the risk of infection transmission as low as possible.

Enjoy the last couple of days of the holiday and we look forward to welcoming students back to start the Spring Term on Wednesday 5th January!

Yours sincerely,



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