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MLR/hr/facecoveringsinschool
29th November 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Face coverings to be worn in school from Tuesday 30th November

On Sunday afternoon I received an email from the DfE as a result of the presence of the Omicron variant of Covid-19 stating the following:

"Face coverings: Face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors and pupils or students in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt.

Pupils or students (in year 7 or above) should continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt.

Testing: All educational and childcare settings should continue to encourage staff and students to **test twice weekly using lateral flow device** (LFD) tests.

Contact tracing and isolation: Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. This still applies even if you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you should stay at home and self-isolate. **If you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months you are not required to self-isolate if you are a contact** of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

On this basis, I will be asking all staff and students to be **wear masks in all public areas inside the building** from Tuesday 30th November 2021 unless exempt. This will be in all areas where groups are in contact - corridors, toilets and all communal indoor spaces.

I apologise for the short notice, but I also recognise the incredible support that we have had from parents, students and the community to keep our school safe. Please note, we no longer have the stock to give masks to students. Please make sure your child arrives at school tomorrow with a mask.

Yours sincerely,

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