



1st December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID-19 Update

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 new measures will be introduced as a precaution to slow down the spread of the variant until we have more information. The government has explained what this means for schools. They have outlined their advice [here](#).

Face coverings

All staff and all visitors must now wear face coverings in indoor communal areas unless exempt.

Test & Trace changes

Test and Trace may contact you if you are a confirmed close contact of the Omicron variant. 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.

What is not changing

At the moment there is no requirement for us to return to bubbles, wear masks in classrooms or cease pupil trips.

Overall, the government wants us to take a responsible approach to managing the risk of COVID-19 whilst also continuing to prioritise pupils' education. We will continue to make reasonable assessments about the level of risk involved in all activities.

Good hygiene

We will continue to follow the basic rules of good hygiene. This will help to protect individuals and others from COVID-19. These are:

- washing your hands
- cleaning your surroundings
- covering your nose and mouth when you cough and sneeze

As ever, we are so grateful for your support. We will continue to communicate swiftly and openly with you about these important matters.

Kind regards,



Daniel Upfield
Principal