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## COVID Precautions - Omicron

Dear Parents,

With COVID cases on the rise and the arrival of the new Omicron variant in the UK, I wanted to reassure you of the robust processes we are following in school and also explain the roll back to former precautions we are asking parents, carers, and all who visit the school site to support us with.

### Mask Wearing

From **tomorrow** this will again be mandatory in shops and on public transport, as well as at our school:

- For parents and carers whilst dropping off and collecting children - I would also politely request that masks are not seen as a substitute for social distancing and that parents please do not congregate to chat at these times
- For all visitors and contractors on site
- For staff in communal areas

### How You Can Help

- stay vigilant at home - and get a PCR test should you or anyone have any potential COVID symptoms
- please carry out asymptomatic LFT tests at home twice weekly as a family
- help us meet our track & trace and daily reporting obligations by remembering to let the office know as soon as is practicably possible if:
  - your child has symptoms which may be COVID
  - your child tests negative (PCR only)
  - your child tests positive (LFT or PCR)
  - If your child is identified as a close contact from another setting

We will closely monitor the situation and follow the Prime Ministerial updates and Department for Education guidelines in response to the Omicron variant of Covid-19 and hope very much that our end of term fun and festivities which the children so richly deserve are able to continue without too much alteration.

By following the advice issued we all - parents, pupils, teachers and support staff together - can ensure we make our school as safe as possible for our whole community. Further information is available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please keep a copy of this letter for future reference and thank you again for your ongoing support.

Yours

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