

Monday 29th November 2021

Dear parents and carers,

As you will be aware, this weekend 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 whilst the government gathers more information.

As a result of this, new Department for Education guidance has been issued which states that face coverings should be worn in communal areas in schools (including corridors and Food for Thought) by staff, visitors and students, unless they are exempt. Students should also continue to wear face coverings on public transport unless they are exempt. Please make sure your child has a clean mask, and ideally a spare one, with them each day. Please continue to ensure your child tests twice weekly using lateral flow device (LFD) tests and upload the result to TestRegister. More tests will be issued to students shortly.

If you have any questions, please do contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

We hope these measures will only be until the end of term. I know we will all be a bit disappointed to be back in this position, however I hope that you will agree that this is a small measure to take to keep our community safe and to help increase the likelihood of being able to enjoy a better Christmas break than last year. I know that our students are very experienced in these measures now, and will respond with maturity and understanding. Your continued support in this matter is also much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron
Principal