



29th November 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As all schools received a notification from the DFE yesterday, we wanted to write to you and update you on the latest COVID requirements for schools.

Face Coverings

Firstly, as of today all schools have been asked to ensure all students wear face coverings in communal areas unless they are exempt. This morning we provided face coverings to any student who had not brought their own. However, from tomorrow we will be asking students to buy a face covering if they come without one as we did before when they were mandatory. These will cost 10p for a disposable mask and 50p for a reusable mask.

Twice Weekly LFD Testing

We ask that students continue to use lateral flow tests, twice weekly, and that you report any positive results to us. Students can easily get more test kits from their form tutor or from student reception.

Tracing and Isolation

The current guidance on contact tracing and isolation remains in place. 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 by Test and Trace and told to isolate if this is the case for your child.

On site Testing in January

We have also been informed that we will be required to do on site testing when students return to school in January. When we have received more details about this we will write to you with arrangements for this process.

We are responding as quickly as possible to DFE requirements to ensure that our school community is kept as safe as possible. We appreciate your continued support and will keep you updated of any changes via the school app and email.

Kind regards,

Chris Bailey and Chris Heal
Acting Principals