

Dear Parents/Carers,

29 November 2021

I write with regards to the latest information announced by the government over the weekend about the Omicron variant of the Covid-19 virus. Our response as an Academy is outlined below. I believe much of this serves as a reminder. However, I do request that from tomorrow all pupils wear a face covering in communal areas (unless they are exempt).

#### Covid – 19 reminders

- Pupils should wear face coverings (unless exempt) on public transport
- Pupils should continue to utilise good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission – pupils should continue to test twice weekly at home with a lateral flow device test kit. I suggest that they do this on a Sunday and Wednesday.
- If pupils are displaying covid-19 symptoms; a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste please **do not send them into to school**. Ensure they take a PCR test immediately and await results. The government testing facility has become very efficient in getting results back within 48 hours but usually within 24 hours.
- If you would like your child to be vaccinated and have missed the school clinic. Parents of young people aged between 12-15 years old can complete a consent form and book vaccination appointments on behalf of your child via [The National Booking Service](#)

In addition to the above, it is important that you are aware of the following:

- All travellers arriving to the UK will need to isolate and get a PCR test by 'day two' after arrival. Isolation may end once a negative result is received.
- Any suspected or confirmed close contacts of the Omicron variant will be asked to isolate for 10 days regardless of vaccination status or age. If this applies to you, you will be contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace and told to isolate.

The Academy continues to assess the risk that Covid-19 poses and updates its Risk Assessment accordingly (this can be accessed on the Academy's website).

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



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