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Dear Parents/ Carers,

COVID Guidelines Update

Hope all is well with you.

You may very well have heard on the news that a new COVID-19 variant, now named OMICRON, has evolved and that a number of cases are now found in the UK.

Following notification from the Department for Education, we are following additional protocol from today:

Face coverings

Face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors, and parents. We ask parents to ensure you are wearing a face covering when you drop/collect your children from school.

Testing

All educational and childcare settings should continue to encourage staff and students to test twice weekly using lateral flow device (LFD) tests.

Contact tracing and isolation

The <u>current guidance on contact tracing and isolation</u> 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 and told to isolate.

Vaccination

All eligible staff and students aged 12 and over are encouraged to take up the offer of the vaccine, including boosters.

Vaccines are our best defence against COVID-19. They help protect young people and adults, and benefit those around them. Vaccination makes people less likely to catch the virus and less likely to pass it on. To book a vaccination, please visit: <u>Book or manage a coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination – NHS (www.nhs.uk).</u>

We are also moving all our school assemblies virtually.

We will continue to assess the situation and inform you of any additional action we may take to ensure risks of transmission are mitigated.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Edison David Executive Headteacher

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