

Dear Families,

Happy New Year and we are looking forward to welcoming the pupils back to school tomorrow for the first day of the Spring Term. I hope that you were able to enjoy the Christmas break as you would have wished.

The news has highlighted the rise in COVID-19 cases across the country due to the spread of the omicron variant and the also shared government briefings about changes that are recommended in schools.

We have the following safety measures in place:

- We will continue to ask staff to test twice a week using lateral flow devices
- Staff will continue to wear face masks or face coverings in all communal areas outside of the classroom. Staff may also wish to wear masks at other times and we fully support them to do this if they wish
- Classrooms continue to have fresh air ventilation as much as possible with access to regular handwashing
- Additional lunchtime cleaning continues daily across the school
- We will continue to have lunches in classes and have assemblies in primary, secondary and Post 16 groupings

We want to avoid any class moving into remote learning unless it is necessary due to a high number of cases in a class team leading to staffing issues. This is manageable for now but we currently have staff in self-isolation for COVID-19 and are trying to support their absences, where we can with familiar supply staff.

How you can continue to support the school and its community

- Please help by completing a lateral flow test with your child before returning to school and twice a week if they are of secondary age (Year 7 and above) if your child is able to be supported to do this or do this themselves
- Pupils in secondary classes may wish to wear masks in class and around school
- If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, please ensure they self-isolate and book them for a PCR test

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The three symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell

Please remember that if your child is a contact of someone with COVID-19 they can continue to attend school if they test on a lateral flow each day.

If you need additional tests please let us know and you may be able to pick these up from school today or we can send more home with your child tomorrow. Please contact reception if you need more tests for any help that we may be able to offer with testing.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support and understanding,



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