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Dear Parent/Carer

Updated guidance for schools - face coverings

You may be aware that the Prime Minister this weekend announced some changes as part of the response to the Omicron variant of COVID-19. There are some implications for schools in this guidance, most notably the temporary return to the requirement for the wearing of face coverings in communal areas.

From **Tuesday 30th November 2021** face coverings will be required for students and staff in indoor communal areas. Unless your son/daughter is exempt from wearing a face covering – for instance, due to a medical condition - could you please ensure that they come to school with a face covering. The DfE states that this is a temporary measure that will hopefully be relaxed in the near future.

The guidance also states that face coverings are required on public transport and when entering a shop. The DfE guidance states:

‘The new measures will be introduced as a precaution to slow down the spread of the variant while we gather more information. We will continue to keep this under review as the situation develops.’

We will continue with our existing control measures in school to help ensure the risk of COVID-19 transmission is minimised. These measures include:

- Ventilation in all classrooms and offices – please refer to previous communication regarding recommendations for school uniform during the colder months
- Hand sanitisers across the school and in classrooms, along with regular reminders of the importance of regular hand-washing
- Twice weekly lateral flow testing for students and staff
- Enhanced cleaning within school

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Mr K Hirst
Headteacher