



Principal: Dr Katharine Vincent

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you following the government's announcement of changes to the guidance relating to the additional measures that schools have been asked to implement during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Face-masks

As you will be aware, the government have recently changed their guidance in relation to face-masks in schools. As a result, we are no longer requiring students to wear masks in lessons. Students and staff are still asked to wear face-masks in corridors and other parts of the school building.

From Thursday 27th January, government guidance will no longer require students and staff to wear face-masks in corridors and circulation spaces. Given the high number of Covid-19 cases in the local area and in local schools, we would like to ask our students and staff to continue wearing face-masks. We believe this is the best way to protect our school and community, since we know the Omicron variant spreads rapidly and that people can be infected multiple times. I would therefore like to ask that you encourage students to wear face-masks to school unless they are exempt.

Changes to minimum isolation period for confirmed cases

As explained in my previous letter, the government have reduced the minimum isolation period from seven days to five days. As a result, people self-isolating with Covid-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6.

Lateral flow testing

Please continue to test twice weekly at home. Any students who are a close contact of a confirmed case should test every day for 7 days while continuing to attend school as normal. Students and staff should report results immediately online: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Dr K Vincent

Principal