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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID-19 UPDATE

On Saturday 27 November, the Prime Minister [announced](#) new temporary measures following the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK. The new measures have been introduced as a precaution to slow down the spread of the variant while more information is gathered. As a result of this announcement, we are now taking the following steps: -

Face coverings

It is now vital that face coverings are worn in communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors and students in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt. We have explained to students today that this means all areas of school except when sitting in classrooms or the dining room. This will be necessary from Tuesday 30th November until the Christmas break. The situation will be reviewed at that time. Please contact the school office if your child requires an exemption pass with regards to wearing a face covering.

As before, students (in year 7 or above) should continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt.

Testing

We continue to recommend the use of twice weekly using lateral flow device (LFD) tests to all members of our school community and we will continue to provide these as needed. On return to school in January, testing will be arranged on site here at school for all students who have provided consent. We will provide further information regarding this testing nearer the time. It is hoped that this will provide us all with a smooth and safe return to learning in the new year.

End of Term

Although we are constantly reviewing our plans in lights of regular updates, we intend to continue with events and clubs leading up to the Christmas holiday. Term ends on Tuesday 21st December 2021 when year groups will be given a staggered dismissal time from 11.15am onwards. All students will be off site by 12pm. We will provide exact timings in the coming days.

As always we are grateful of your support in these challenging times and we hope that by acting as one community we will support one another in staying safe and well for the festive season ahead. As soon as any further announcements are made, I will communicate these to you in detail.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Victoria L Beaney
Head of School



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