

29th November 2021

Dear Parent,

Yesterday, the DfE has issued guidance for all education and childcare settings on new measures in response to the identification of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK. This follows the wider announcement on temporary measures by the Prime Minister on Saturday.

Key changes for education settings include:

1. Face coverings

Face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors and pupils or students in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt.

2. Contact tracing and isolation

The [current guidance on contact tracing and isolation](#) 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.

Two new masks have been issued to each student in Y7, 8 and 9 today. Masks will be issued tomorrow for students in Y10 and Y11.

Please ensure your child brings their mask to school every day to comply with these new rules.

Thank you.

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