



Monday 29th November 2021 COVID-19 UPDATE

As you may be aware, the Government have announced some temporary measures over the weekend that will be put into place due to the emergence of a new variant of Covid-19, Omicron. Whilst research into this new variant is taking place, steps are being taken to mitigate any risks that the new variant may cause.

These new restrictions include: face coverings on public transport and in some public settings/crowded places; the need to self-isolate for 10 days if you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive with the Omicron variant of Covid-19, regardless of age or vaccination status; additional self-isolation/PCR testing requirements for those returning to the UK from abroad, with some countries being added to the Red List.

With this in mind, our Covid-19 risk assessment has been reviewed and updated accordingly; the following steps have been taken to reduce the risk in our own setting:

- All parents to wear face coverings if entering the building
- We kindly request that only ONE adult attend drop-off/pick-up time to minimise the number of people around the school site
- Anyone testing positive for Covid-19 MUST self-isolate for 10 days
- Anyone who is a close contact of someone testing positive for the Omicron variant of Covid-19 MUST self-isolate for 10 days, in-line with the temporary restrictions that have been put in place by the Government, regardless of age or vaccination status.
- If a child is identified as testing positive for the Omicron variant, parents/carers should inform us as soon as possible in case additional measures are required to be put in place.

As always, the safety of our community is a key priority and it is important that we put additional steps in place to mitigate any risks that may be posed by the new variant of Covid-19, Omicron. Therefore, these measures will be in place until the setting closes in 3 weeks. Should further guidance be received, we will communicate any further changes with you as soon as we are able to do so.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation,

Penny
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