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Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID-19 Update – Omicron Variant

I am sure that you will have seen the news reports about the new Omicron variant of COVID-19 and the concern about the high number of mutations already identified on its spike protein. In order to maintain education provision, it is important to keep going with the strategies - at home and at school - to avoid the spread of the virus. Please support us by:

- Ensuring that your son/daughter/ward comes to school each day with their **own face covering**. This must be worn in indoor communal areas (corridors, lunch queues etc). It remains a personal choice whether or not to wear it in the classroom.
- If your child comes to school by **public transport**, they **must wear a face covering**. The fine for not doing so is currently £200.
- Please ensure that you keep encouraging **testing at home**. This is vital in identifying those infected and stopping further cases.
- If your child is in contact with a suspected case, I would encourage daily testing to take place. **Spare boxes of test kits** will be available from reception if students require additional home test kits.

As a reminder, children who display any COVID-19 symptoms should not come to school and should get a confirmatory PCR test.

The Vaccination Programme

It is clear from all the available scientific evidence from across the world, that the vaccination programme remains critical in eventually coming to terms with this virus. I would encourage those of you who have not yet been vaccinated to consider being vaccinated for your own personal protection and to support the public health drive to protect all members of our communities.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully,



Euan Ferguson
Headteacher

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- [Easy-read children's Covid-19 vaccination leaflet](#)
 - [Information and FAQs for schools, parents, guardians, carers, and young people on 12-15 vaccination](#)
 - [Review of the safety, quality and effectiveness of the vaccine in 12- to 15-year-olds](#)