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Dear Parents and Carers

Reopening of Schools – January 5th 2022 Update

Along with the expected precautions announced before Christmas, you will no doubt have seen that students are now required to **wear face coverings in classrooms**, as well as on school transport and in all communal areas, until, at least, 26th January 2022.

Therefore, we do ask that your child has their **own face covering, along with a spare, every day**.

This will be alongside all our ongoing mitigation measures which include high levels of ventilation, good hand hygiene and the maintenance of safe social-distancing.

Due to the high transmissibility of Omicron we are asking that all **students take a lateral flow test** (with a negative result) **before** returning to school on Thursday. This will then be followed by a further in-school test on Thursday morning to ensure that we have minimised the opportunity for spreading the virus.

Additionally, be aware that the **isolation period** for individuals who test positive for COVID-19 has now been **reduced to 7 days** as long as negative LFD tests are done on day 6 and 7 of the self-isolation period.

If they do not have a high temperature, self-isolation can end after the second negative test result meaning individuals can **return to an education setting from day 7**, but please note that the Government are asking that LFD tests are also taken on **days 8, 9 and 10** for education settings.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing all the students back in school tomorrow.

Mr Hales

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