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Dear Parent / Carer,

On Saturday 27th November, the Prime Minister announced new temporary measures following the emergence of the Omicron variant of Covid-19 in the UK. **The new measures will be introduced from Tuesday 30th November**, as a precaution to slow down the spread of the variant while the Government gather more information.

Wearing Face Coverings in School

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

In terms of Longfield, this means that face coverings will need to be worn in school corridors, when pupils enter the school at the start of the day, at lesson changeover, break and lunchtimes (in the corridor and the canteen) and when leaving the classroom at the end of the school day when they are in the corridor.

School Transport

Pupils (in year 7 or above) need to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt as well as for hired transport for any school trips.

Testing

We continue to issue Lateral Flow Tests to pupils to take home. These are available from school should you require more. We encourage both staff and pupils to test twice weekly.

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. Please click on the link for more information: [Contact Tracing Guidance](#)

Vaccinations

We have already received one visit from the Vaccination Team in School to vaccinate 12-15 year old pupils. We are unsure if any further visits will be scheduled, in the meantime pupils aged 12 and over are encouraged to take up the offer of the vaccine. Please click on the link for more information: [Book or Manage a Vaccination](#)

Thank you for your continued support with Covid measures in School. We will update you with any further guidance or news as we receive it.

Yours faithfully



Mr N Lindsay
Head of School

