

21 January 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers and students,

Mask wearing in school

Following the announcement on Wednesday from the government we are phasing out the compulsory mask wearing in school as follows:

- **From Monday 24th January** (for one week) students and staff will no longer be directed to wear masks once they are settled in lessons. They will still be expected to wear masks in all corridors and common (indoor) space including the canteen and toilet blocks.
- **From Monday 31st January** students and staff will no longer be directed to wear masks in any areas of the school.

Please note that the continued wearing of masks on or after Monday 31st January is optional and we understand that many students and staff may wish to continue wearing them. This is absolutely fine and will be fully supported by the school.

We will also be continuing to operate all other COVID safety measures including hand sanitising, the cleaning of work areas at the start of lessons, social distancing where possible, the one-way systems in buildings and regular Lateral Flow Testing for staff and students.

COVID symptoms

The main symptoms of COVID are still considered to be a high temperature, new and continuous cough and loss (or change to) the senses of taste and smell. However new research suggests that the Omicron variant may also give sufferers the following symptoms: scratchy throat, sneezing, fatigue, loss of appetite and/or lower back pain. As many of these symptoms are also associated with winter colds (and other viral conditions) it is vital that we all continue to do our **twice weekly Lateral Flow tests** in order to reduce the risk of more widespread transmission.

The following **temporary** changes to the rules relating to COVID tests were also announced last week:

“From 11th January in England, people who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK”

Further details can be found [here](#).

COVID isolation period

From Monday 17th January the period of isolation for infected people was shortened. If you test positive (on a LFT or PCR) you are now expected to complete 5 full days of isolation, take a LFT (on day 5) and a further one on day 6 (which could be first thing in the morning). If both of these are negative you can return to work or school from day 6. If either of these is positive you must remain in isolation until you have 2 negative tests 24 hours apart.

Year 11 Mock Exams

We would like all parents/carers of Year 11 students to be aware that the second series of mock exams will be taking place during the period Monday 31st January to Friday 11th February. These

assessments will form part of the Teacher Assessed Grades in the event that the final exams are heavily disrupted by COVID. They are also a vital part of preparing students for the summer exams if they run as normal. Teachers and students are working hard in lessons to prepare for these mock exams but students will also need to work at home if they want to perform at their best level. If you require any support or advice relating to this please contact either subject teachers, group tutors or Mrs Fillery (Year Team Leader).

Thanks as always for your support,



Simon Liley, Headteacher

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