



29th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus Update

The Government have again made the wearing of a face covering mandatory for secondary school students in communal areas. We reintroduced this measure at the start of the half term due to the local rise in Covid cases, but this is now a legal requirement due to the concern regarding the new variant of the virus. If your child is medically exempt from wearing a mask please ensure we have the details of their condition. **Please provide a face covering for your child, we have disposable masks in school but these are expensive to supply and are not ideal from an environmental perspective.**

This month six of our teachers contracted the virus and reported feeling very unwell despite having been double vaccinated. At present we have 19 students isolating due to positive test results. It is therefore important that take these precautions seriously and work to reduce the risk of further infections.

Unfortunately PE is one of the areas affected by staff absence due to Covid, therefore for the remainder of **this week, we ask that students again wear their PE kit to school on the days when they have PE.** This will remove the need to use the changing rooms and reduce the number of staff required. This is a temporary measure for this week only.

In addition, schools have also been asked to prepare for on-site Lateral Flow testing when students return after the Christmas break, further details will be published before the end of term.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



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