



Tuesday, 04 January 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to the new term. It has been lovely to see so many of our children and staff back in school today.

As you will know, Covid-19 cases are high in our area so we are continuing to follow routines which help reduce the risk. These will be familiar to you.

There are a couple of changes to be aware of:

**Self-isolation**

If your child has tested positive, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days. However, this can be reduced to 7 days with the following:

- A negative lateral flow test on day 6 **and** day 7 (at least 24 hours apart)
- No ongoing temperature

If your child shows symptoms please stay at home and seek a PCR. Common symptoms of the new Omicron variant are similar to general cold-like symptoms. If in doubt, please self-isolate and obtain a PCR test.

**Testing**

Everyone aged 5 and above is advised to take a lateral flow test twice weekly if they have no symptoms. If anybody has symptoms, then a PCR is recommended. Guidance has changed so you can now complete lateral flows within 90 days of a previous positive test.

**Face coverings**

Face coverings will be worn by adults (unless exempt) in communal areas around school. Whilst rates in the community are so high, we request that you wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting your children.

**Absence from school**

If your child is unable to attend school but they are well enough to learn we strongly encourage that they participate in our remote learning offer. This will enable them to keep up with their class and settle back into learning as they return. All children in Key Stage 2 have their own iPad and should use this to log in to Purple Mash, Accelerated Reader and MyON. Our teachers are continuing to teach lessons in our academies and so children will have access to a range of activities to complete rather than live lessons. Children in Early Years and Key Stage One can also log in if they have access to a device. If you need any help or support please get in touch with your child's academy.

If you have any queries, please speak to your academy. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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