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Dear parents/carers

Due to the Omicron variant we need to reinforce and enforce the wearing of face masks in corridors, communal areas and classrooms, unless exempt. This is now a directive from the Department of Education ([see full details here](#)) and we will work hard to improve compliance for everyone's benefit. Thank you for your support with this as we move forward.

This means all students who use public transport should wear a mask unless exempt and students will not be allowed to board school buses without a face mask in place.

Assemblies will be postponed to reduce the risk. Students should continue to test twice a week with lateral flow tests.

We will continue to provide blended learning to those students who are self-isolating.

I would ask that however weary we may feel that we work hard to support these measures to keep children in school and maintain normality as much as possible in the short, medium and long term.

As always thank you for your ongoing support during these challenging times.

Advanced Notice: The Council Mobile Testing Unit (MTU) will be on the school site every week up to Christmas. Then, on Tuesday 4th January 2022, the MTU will be in the car park to carry out testing before we return to school and they will also be here on Wednesday, 5th January 2022 when we return for the new term.

If you have not given consent for your child to participate in the lateral flow testing either at school and/or at home, **please let us know ASAP.**

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Twist
Headteacher

