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Dear Parents / Carers

Latest Guidance regarding COVID-19 Mitigation Measures

Following the [government's announcement](#) on Saturday evening regarding the emergence of the Omicron variant, I wanted to update you on how the new precautionary measures may affect Rednock School.

Face Coverings:

The guidance states that face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors and students in Year 7 and above, unless they are exempt. At Rednock School, this is not a new measure since we have had this in place since October. We will continue to remind staff and students on a regular basis to wear face masks. Please can you remind your child to bring a mask into school each day.

Testing:

The guidance states that all educational settings should continue to encourage staff and students to test twice weekly using lateral flow device (LFD) tests. Please remind your child to test regularly and report the result to the school by clicking [here](#). Additional testing kits can be requested via your child's tutor.

Contact Tracing and Isolation:

The current guidance on contact tracing and isolation remains in place. In addition, any suspected or confirmed close contacts of the Omicron variant will be asked to isolate for 10 days regardless of vaccination status or age. In this instance, you will be contacted directly and told to isolate.

Transport:

Gloucestershire County Council have informed us that masks are mandatory on school buses. If your child travels on a school bus, please ensure that they have a mask and that they wear it whilst travelling.

Reminder:

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result (LFD or PCR) should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. This still applies even if you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support during these challenging times. As a school, we will continue to provide regular updates as and when required.

Yours faithfully



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