

HEADTEACHER: Mr G Rule



FAO: Parents & Carers of Students at Denton Community College

RE: Covid-19 Update

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well at this time.

As you may be aware on Saturday 27th November, the Prime Minister announced new temporary measures following the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK. These measures included the reintroduction of the wearing of facemasks in shops and on public transport from tomorrow (Tuesday 30th November 2021).

On Sunday 28th November 2021, the Department for Education contacted all educational establishments to clarify these measures and how they would impact on schools. The email states that in schools:

Face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors and pupils or students in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt.

Pupils or students (in year 7 or above) should continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt.

You may also be aware the continuing high levels of infections seen in Tameside in recent months, led to Public Health Tameside asking staff and students in secondary schools to wear facemasks in communal areas over recent weeks. The introduction of this new variant and the announcement of from the Government means that we will now be taking the next step and will expect students, staff and visitors to wear facemasks in all communal areas and when moving around the building (but not in classrooms), unless medically exempt. We will therefore be updating all relevant policies accordingly.

If your child is medically exempt, we ask that you contact their Head of Year to ensure your child's records are up to date. These steps are temporary measures and we will update you with any further updates.

These remain difficult times and we thank you for your ongoing support not only in the education of the young people of Denton but also the safety and wellbeing of all our stakeholders.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Rule', is positioned above the printed name.

Greg Rule
Headteacher