

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am sure you are all aware that over the weekend the Government have advised some new precautionary measures in regard to the new **Omicron variant** of Covid 19.

We have updated our Risk Assessment in line with government advice that face coverings should be worn by pupils, staff and adult visitors when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas. This is a temporary measure.

Pupils from year 7 and upwards should also wear a face covering when travelling on public transport, dedicated transport to and from school and any transport organised by school.

Pupils and staff will **not** have to wear face coverings in classrooms but can if they wish to do so.

If staff or students develop symptoms, they must isolate until they have obtained a negative PCR Test - they may return to school, once they have received a negative PCR Test or following 10 days isolation.

Vaccinations

All eligible staff and students aged 12 and over are encouraged to take up the offer of the vaccine, including boosters.

Vaccines are our best defence against COVID-19. They help protect young people and adults, and benefit those around them. Vaccination makes people less likely to catch the virus and less likely to pass it on.

To book a vaccination, please visit: [Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination – NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If you feel you need to speak to someone about any of this, please call us.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Mike