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Dear parents/ carers,

Ref: Covid-19 Precautions

I am writing to inform you of new heightened Covid-19 restrictions currently being enforced.

The Omicron variant

The Omicron variant is a new form of Covid-19 that has been labelled as a “variant of concern” instead of the lesser “variant of interest” by the WHO.

Other variants of concern have been identified in the past, most recently the Delta variant that emerged in June and is now dominant across the UK. The Alpha, Beta and Gamma variants are also listed as of concern.

Why is it causing concern?

The Omicron variant has a large number of mutations and early research suggests this could cause an increased risk of reinfection, according to the WHO. This would mean that the variant could cause recoverees of Covid-19 to become infected again and that vaccines could be less effective overall.

What are we doing to prevent it spreading?

Face masks must be worn in communal areas, for example the corridors and canteen, unless exempt. Please ensure that your child is bringing in their own face mask to use in school where possible. Hand sanitiser is readily available in all areas of the school, and students are encouraged to use this frequently.

Please note, six countries have been put on the UK’s red list for travel: South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho and Eswatini. It is now once again a legal requirement to wear a face mask in shops and on public transport.

Yours sincerely,



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