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Dear Parents and Carers

Following recent developments, I am writing to inform you of the Department of Education's latest guidance for schools.

In response to the identification of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK, the following new temporary measures will be introduced as a precaution to slow down the spread of the variant:

Face coverings

Face coverings should be worn in communal areas by staff and visitors.

Contact tracing and isolation

The current guidance on contact tracing and isolation still remains the same. In addition to these, any suspected or confirmed close contacts of the Omicron variant will be asked to isolate for 10 days regardless of vaccination status or age.

At this moment, we are still planning to have visitors in school to watch class assemblies and seasonal performances. However, please be aware that this could quickly change depending on updated Local Authority or Department of Education guidance. It could also quickly change if there is a COVID-19 outbreak in the school and we have to implement contingency measures within our outbreak management plan.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Barron

