



OLDFIELD SCHOOL

30th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that you will be aware of the reintroduction of some COVID-19 measures nationally from today onwards. It is also the case that schools and other educational settings are being asked to re-visit their mitigation measures and I am writing to you to outline what our response will be at Oldfield School. I have already informed students this morning that we will be enforcing the wearing of face coverings on public transport and checking that they are wearing these on buses and that assemblies and other whole school activities will take place remotely for the remainder of this term. We will also be continuing with the requirement to wear face coverings in lessons for the rest of this term as, while the number of cases in the school community continues to fall, the potential risks associated with the Omicron variant would suggest that it would be prudent to continue with this measure until we know more about these.

The Carol Service on Wednesday 1st December and the Christmas Concert on the 15th December will go ahead as planned but as part of our risk assessment for school events we will be asking that anyone who is participating, either in the audience or as a performer, takes a lateral flow test before attending either of these events. We will continue with our extra-curricular activities, including the House reward trip, and endeavour to keep school life as normal as possible over the next three weeks.

The measures announced by the Department for Education over the weekend include asking schools to test Year 7 and 11 students before they return to lessons in January after the Christmas holiday. We will be doing this and I will write to you about this as due course. Year 12 and 13 students will not be tested in school but will be able to take a lateral flow test at home the day before the start of term. It is likely that, while sixth form students should be able to return to school on Wednesday 5th January, the remainder of the school will have a staggered start to the term. We are hopeful that this will only delay the start of term for Years 7 to 11 by one day and that all students will be back at school by Thursday 6th January.

Your support in ensuring that your children are wearing a mask if travelling on buses to and from school, that they have a clean face covering with them each day in school and in carrying out twice weekly lateral flow tests is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Mackay
Headteacher