

Dear Parent/Carer,

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The Department for Education has updated its Covid operational guidance for schools in England with the news of the Omicron variant. This means that we have had to re-introduce some of our Covid safety measures as a precaution, while the variant is tracked and assessed.

Following the updated guidance, staff and visitors have resumed the wearing of face coverings when moving around in corridors and communal areas in school. Our children are still not permitted to wear a face covering on school premises due to their young age, as per government guidance.

To support us in keeping everyone in our school community as safe as possible, we are recommending that you resume wearing a face covering when dropping off/picking up your child from school, though we respect that this is a personal decision to make. As always, we ask that people do not make judgements of people who are either wearing face coverings or not.

We do have staff members with underlying health conditions and a staff member currently pregnant. Therefore, we have temporarily amended some of our gate procedures and kindly request that:

- You carry a face covering with you at all times when coming to and from school in the event that a staff member wishes to speak with you.
- If you would like to speak with a staff member on the gate in the morning/after school, please wear a face covering.
- Try and maintain social distancing as much as possible when speaking with staff and when queuing along Gordon Road.
- Please do not hover around the gate or bollards to watch your child enter the building. Instead, please say goodbye to your child at the metal sign at the front of the queue (we have staff on duty by the front door to help navigate children through the building).

We are most grateful for your support with this important matter. We will continue to keep you updated with any government changes to school guidance

Kind regards,

Ms. K Leach Headteacher







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