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## Face Coverings in classrooms - new DfE guidance

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Government is temporarily recommending that face coverings are worn in classrooms and teaching spaces for students in Year 7 or above, in light of the Omicron variant surge.

The advice is short term, only to support pupils and staff as they return to schools this term and builds on the existing guidance that recommends face coverings for all adults in communal areas of all settings.

At this stage, the advice on face coverings in classrooms will be in place until the 26<sup>th</sup> January, when 'Plan B' regulations are currently scheduled to expire, at which point it will be reviewed.

Our first priority is always to provide the safest possible environment for students and staff. Please help us to achieve this.

As communicated before Christmas, I appreciate these elements can be frustrating within society at the moment – especially with ever changing guidance for schools, but it is direct Government guidance and we must all work together.

**Please can this process be part of daily organisation before students leave for school each day – i.e. Students, Parents and Carers checking that face coverings are taken to school every morning.**

A reminder that all medical exemptions need to be registered with Student Care. Students with these exemptions must then wear their lanyard or have their exemption card each day.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mr S. Underwood  
Principal