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Dear Parent/Carer,

Covid-19 Update

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

Due to the identification of a new variant of Covid-19 (Omicron), the government has made the decision that the wearing of face masks in schools is once again compulsory for all students and staff. Face masks will need to be worn in all communal areas of the school site, including corridors and the hall. If your child would prefer to wear a face mask in classrooms as well as communal areas, they are welcome to do so. If your child travels to school on public transport, the government has requested that face masks are worn at all times.

If your child has previously been medically exempt from wearing a mask, their Head of Year will be aware. However, if your child has recently become exempt from wearing a face mask on medical grounds, please inform your child's Head of Year by providing medical evidence. In this instance, your child will need to carry their exemption card around with them.

Please help to support and protect us and our local community by encouraging your child to wear a face mask in school, keeping us in line with national expectations. If you cannot provide your child with a mask, they will be given a disposable one to wear.

With regards to Lateral Flow Testing, it is as important as ever that you encourage your child to test twice-weekly, ideally on a Sunday and Wednesday. If your child did not complete an LFT over the weekend, please ask them to do so before returning to school tomorrow.

Finally, in light of the emergence of this new variant, please remind your child of the importance of frequently washing their hands and using hand sanitiser when in school. If we receive any additional information or updates from the government in the coming weeks, I will write to you again.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clare Harris
Head of School