



MERIDIAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID-19 Update

Following the Prime Minister's (Boris Johnson) announcement at the weekend about the new Omicron variant, I am writing to inform you of some changes to keep everyone safe.

Face Coverings

Staff at school have been advised to wear face coverings in communal areas inside the school. All visitors in school will be asked to wear face coverings (even if you have been vaccinated) to support keeping everyone safe.

Self-isolation

If you are informed by Test and Trace that your child is either a suspected or confirmed close contact of the Omicron variant, your child will be asked to isolate for 10 days. Test and Trace (**not the school**) will contact you directly to tell you that your child needs to isolate.

Christmas Performances

At the moment, we are hoping that we will still be able to go ahead with these performances but I am monitoring local positive cases regularly to inform any decisions to cancel. In order to keep everyone safe, we will be asking all parents/carers to wear a face covering in the school hall and to complete a lateral flow test on the day of the performance. Obviously, if you have COVID-19 symptoms you will not be able to attend unless you have a negative PCR test result. I will keep you informed of any changes over the coming days – fingers crossed that they can go ahead as I know the children have been practising lots ready to celebrate with their families and friends.

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Finally, a general reminder about the difference between a Lateral Flow Test and a PCR test

Symptom testing

Please remember that if your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, then you must get a PCR test to confirm if they are negative or positive. Lateral flow tests are to find out if people without symptoms are negative or positive.

For more information about the restrictions Boris Johnson spoke about, please click [here](#)

Thank you so much for your support and understanding during this time.

Things are developing at a fast pace and I will be in contact with you with any further updates.

Yours sincerely

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