



Monday 29th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the announcement on Saturday 27th November of National temporary measures in response to the Omicron Covid-19 variant, I am writing to you to outline the immediate measures that we are putting in place in order to protect our school community.

Face Masks – From Tuesday 30th November:

We are advising that Parents and Carers wear face masks on the school playground during drop-off and collection, unless medically exempt. We also advise and promote social distancing when waiting in these areas also. Staff will be requested to wear face masks in the playground during these times in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

When entering the school building at any point, we are requesting that all parents and carers wear a face mask, unless medically exempt. This is to protect our school community when in enclosed communal areas.

Children are not requested or required to wear face masks at any time.

Christmas Fayre:

In order to protect our school community, it is with regret that we will be postponing our Christmas Fayre. I do understand how important this event is for our community, so we will be looking at holding a future event in the Spring term. I would like to thank everyone who has already made a donation to our fayre. We will keep hold of these for future events, however from this point forward we are no longer accepting future donations.

Protective Measures:

As always, we will be promoting handwashing and hand sanitisation in school, and children will be requested to undertake this at key points during the day. We also ask that on entry to the school (either at the school gates or upon entry to the classroom) that hands are sanitised. We will continue promoting the 'catch it, kill it' approach, with regards to using tissues to catch coughs and sneezes, disposing these in a bin and washing hands after.

If these messages could also be promoted and reinforced at home also, it would be much appreciated.

We would like to remind parents and carers that staff regularly take lateral flow tests to ensure there are safe to arrive at work. The majority of staff are double vaccinated, and boosters are being taken as part of the Government's age/risk related programme.

At this present time, school life for children remains largely unaffected. We are not moving to a 'bubble' approach, and the procedures for drop-off/collection, assemblies and playtimes remain, at this time, unaffected. We have updated our whole-school risk assessment, and we are hopeful that with your continued support, these measures keep everyone as safe as possible.

With that in mind, we do still have a full calender of Christmas events and activities planned for the children. I am sure you appreciate that our approach towards some of these events has had to now change, however I will be in touch with regards to these events and our amended plans very soon.

If you have any questions, please do speak to me or a member of the senior leadership team. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Rae', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Christopher Rae
Acting Head of School