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Dear Parent/Carer

On Saturday the Prime Minister announced new temporary measures being introduced as a precaution to slow down the spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. In line with this national guidance, from Tuesday 30th November, face coverings should be worn in communal areas inside the academy by staff, visitors and students, unless they are exempt. Also, students should continue to wear face coverings on public transport, unless they are exempt.

In order to maintain a safe and purposeful learning environment, we have previously asked students and staff to take a lateral flow test twice weekly. It is vital that this continues and we ask that your child is tested on a Sunday and Wednesday evening, or before attending the academy on Monday and Thursday mornings. Families are asked to record positive, negative or void results using the 'report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test' result [portal](#). Please report to us if a test returns as positive and book a PCR test to confirm. Students should remain at home until the result has been received and follow guidance on self isolation if confirmed as positive.

In addition, as an extra preventative measure we are asking that household siblings of confirmed cases take daily lateral flow tests while awaiting their PCR test results and to continue to attend the academy (unless the test result is positive or they develop symptoms).

If students are unwell with Covid, they should stay at home until symptom free. If students are unwell, but receive a negative Covid test result, they should wait until 24 hours post fever to come back to the academy. We are aware that seasonal colds and other non-Covid symptoms are circulating, but in the first instance, symptoms such as a persistent cough should be treated as possible Covid and trigger isolation and testing. This is the case, even if others in the academy have tested negative for similar symptoms.

When our students return after the Christmas break they will be offered one Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test onsite at the academy. Asymptomatic testing is a critical tool to help prevent transmission of COVID-19. It is used to identify and help to prevent staff and students carrying the virus, but without symptoms, from transmitting and spreading the virus unknowingly in

the academy. It allows us to operate as safely as possible by isolating those that are the most contagious as soon as is practical, which supports the continuation of face-to-face education. We will write to you again before the break to confirm these arrangements.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Ms N Ullah
Principal