



4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back tomorrow. As you will know, the Omicron variant is spreading rapidly across the country and has resulted in some changes to policies and procedures being made in primary schools.

1. We would ask parents **not to enter the school building unless absolutely necessary**, and preferably by prior appointment only. Parents **MUST** wear a face mask if they need to enter the building.
2. There is currently no requirement for children to wear masks inside school, although you may wish as parents to send them in with a mask.
3. Staff will continue to wear masks in all communal areas of school. There is currently no requirement for them to be worn in classrooms in primary schools.
4. It is currently not a requirement for face coverings to be worn outside, however we would ask you to maintain social distancing on the school yard, particularly if you choose not to wear a face covering.
5. The guidance around self-isolation has changed and the period has been cut to 7 days, provided you test negative on an LFT test on days 6 and 7 after a positive result.
6. Children who have been close contacts of persons who have tested positive can still attend school, provided they do an LFT test on a daily basis.

The rapid spread of the virus has meant that schools nationally are facing staffing shortages. At the time of writing, we are able to open as normal tomorrow and all classes will be operating. We will do everything in our power to ensure all classes remain open, however there may be times over the next few weeks where your child/children are not taught by their regular teachers due to staff absence. In the hopefully unlikely event that we are not able to open a class, we will return to remote learning for as brief a period as possible for the affected class/es.

While this is not the start to 2022 that any of us would have hoped for, please be assured that we will continue to do everything we can to ensure that all of our children have the best possible start to 2022 in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

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