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Dear parents and carers

I hope you are well and enjoyed the Christmas holiday.

Since I wrote to you on the 10th December about the start of term, you may have seen or heard the recent school-related headlines and been aware that it is the Government's ambition to ensure that lessons remain 'face to face' this term.

In order to support this ambition we have already put in place plans to test all students on their return and we have attached our December letter as a reminder of these arrangements. In addition to this, all students, unless they are medically exempt, must now also wear face masks in classrooms. Please ensure that you provide your child with face masks each day in support of this recent change. This new measure is temporary and will be reviewed towards the end of January.

We shall continue to ensure our classrooms are well ventilated, that desks are cleaned prior to lesson changeover and that students sanitise their hands regularly. We shall also continue to keep the serving and seating areas in the canteen and under the canopy split between years 7-9 and 10-13. Please note that students sitting exams and assessments in January will continue to sit these, as originally planned.

On a separate but related note, we are also currently preparing for higher than usual staff absence rates linked to record cases of the Omicron variant. If you have a current Enhanced DBS clearance, are a former teacher, cover supervisor or similar (e.g. a leader in a child centred activity) and feel you could lead a class of students who, where possible, would be taught by their teacher from home while self-isolating, please visit <https://forms.gle/VwWUUh9Yeb9kreG7A> and complete our google form. We shall contact you about your availability and rates of pay.

Thank you so much for your consideration of our proposal – we are aiming to keep our school open and our students learning on site this term. However, as always, I shall keep you updated as the picture changes.

Happy New Year

Yours sincerely

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