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## Covid-19 update

Dear parents and carers

Further to yesterday Government announcements regarding 'Plan B' measures for England, I am writing to let you know how this affects schools.

Firstly, it is worth noting that we have a **very low** number of positive cases at present. We do not expect this to increase significantly before the end of term.

It is the Government's intention that frontline services will, as far as possible, continue to operate as normal. Therefore, we do not intend to cancel events or limit students' educational opportunities in any way. We believe that children should continue to receive a full education.

As per Government guidance, we will continue to ask adults and children to wear face coverings in communal areas. Close contacts of those with the Omicron variant are currently asked to isolate for 10 days. However, students who are a close contact of someone with the Delta variant may continue to attend school but should have a PCR test.

We are extending our use of lateral flow tests to prevent those with the virus coming into school as far as possible. We ask that:

- All adults and children at the school take two lateral flow tests each week, on a Sunday and Thursday.
- All visitors to the school take a lateral flow test before coming onto the school site.
- All adults and children attending school events (e.g. performances, the Carol Concert, school trips) take a lateral flow test immediately before the event.
- All students take a lateral flow test on the day before school starts in January.

We are issuing new test kits to students next week. Please make sure your child knows whether to bring additional test kits home.

Should anything change, I will let you know. In the meantime, I hope that your children continue to take up the opportunities on offer to them.

Yours sincerely

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