



## ST RICHARD'S VC ACADEMY

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you today to let you know the measures that we are taking in relation to the new Covid-19 variant, Omicron.

From today, Tuesday 30 November, until further notice, staff at all our primary schools will wear face coverings in communal areas. There is no requirement for primary children to wear face coverings. Please ensure that your child is wrapped up well when you send them to school because we intend to keep our classrooms well ventilated, so they will need an extra layer.

From today we require parents/carers to wear face coverings, unless they are exempt, anywhere on the school site, inside or out, including the playground or at the school gate, as this is where people tend to congregate in numbers and safe distance cannot be achieved.

Our current plan is for festive events, such as Christmas performances, to proceed as planned, and we know that you will support our efforts to achieve this. We ask that you always undertake a lateral flow test before coming to a school event, and the result must be negative for you to attend. Mrs Cook will give you specific details for events at St Richard's. Please ensure that you wash or sanitise your hands on entry to the school building and we require you to wear your face covering while on our premises. You will also want to wrap up, as the ventilation means school is cooler than you would normally expect.

This guidance is issued and valid from today, Tuesday 30 November, but is subject to regular review in line with national and local guidance.

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times for everyone.

Yours faithfully,

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