



29th November 2021

Covid Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the announcements over the weekend linked to the new variant of concern, the DfE have updated their guidance to schools. As of today, the following arrangements will be in place:

1: all visitors, staff and parents will be required to wear a face covering/ mask in communal areas unless they are medically exempt.

2: we will be restricting parents entering the office area. If parents do need to speak to Mandy in person, she will come to the door rather than inviting parents into the building. Wherever possible, please telephone between 10am and 2pm rather than attend in person. In the event of an emergency, please continue to telephone at any time.

3: children who arrive late in the morning, will be met at the door rather than parents entering the building to sign their child in. I would ask that you arrive on time – 8.50am – so that staff can do their morning safeguarding checks.

4: parents that do need to access the building will need to provide proof of a negative lateral flow test; or will be required to do one on site.

I hope that these measures, along with our stringent cleaning regime and frequent use of hand gel will get us all through to Christmas and that we are all able to enjoy our Christmas.

Can I remind all parents and carers that if your child is presenting with any of the three main symptoms they must isolate and have a PCR test. The main symptoms are:

- **A dry persistent cough**
- **A temperature**
- **Loss or change to smell and / or taste.**

If a child has one of the wider symptoms, a negative lateral flow test is required before they can return to school. The wider symptoms include:

- **Diarrhoea**
- **Headache that lasts a long time**
- **Muscle or full body aches**
- **Sore throat**
- **Blocked or runny nose**
- **Sickness or vomiting**
- **Tired and unwell**



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We are getting multiple children each week who develop symptoms whilst at school, it is imperative that we are able to contact you immediately. Please can you check that your details are up to date on Arbor and that your second and third contacts are aware that they may be required to collect a symptomatic child from school.

If you have any queries about any of the information in this letter, please call and we will try our best to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Charmain May
Principal

