

The Sir John Colfox Academy



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Dear Parents

COVID UPDATE

I am sure you will have seen in the news that the DFE has announced that masks are to be encouraged in all communal areas of secondary schools. This is a precautionary measure in light of the new Omicron variant of the Corona Virus. As you know, we have had this rule in place since the beginning of term anyway. We are waiting to hear if we will need to take any additional measures and will inform you as soon as we have any new information.

At the moment, we are planning to continue with the events we had planned for the end of term but things may change quickly as we see how this new variant might affect us.

Looking ahead to January, when students return on **Thursday 6 January 2022**, we will be carrying out a voluntary assisted lateral flow test in school as we did in September. I would encourage as many to take part in that as possible to keep our community safe. I would also encourage all students to continue with the twice-weekly lateral flow testing at home. We have ordered more LFT's for students to take home over Christmas and would encourage all students to take one on the Wednesday before they return in January to catch any asymptomatic cases.

I am always so impressed with how our students cope with any changes we need to make and how quickly they adapt to them.

Thank you as always for your support in this ever-changing situation. We are all working together to support our community through this, but this is a reminder about how quickly things can change.

Yours sincerely

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