



29 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

COVID update: Facemasks to be re-introduced

I hope that you are all keeping well and have not suffered too much with the recent storm, snow and local power cuts.

As you will have heard the government are re-introducing some COVID measures after a new variant of the COVID virus (Omicron) has been identified. These include wearing a mask on public transport and in shops from tomorrow.

The Department for Education announced yesterday that schools should re-introduce the wearing of masks for staff, students and visitors in communal areas from **Tuesday 30 November**. This means that we will expect staff and students to wear their masks when they are in corridors, in the dining halls and in assembly. There is no requirement to wear masks whilst eating or in classrooms.

We recognise that students may not have masks to hand for tomorrow and so although we are requesting that students start wearing masks tomorrow, we will not be enforcing mask wearing for students before **Thursday 2 December** to give everyone the opportunity to find or purchase masks.

It is important that we do our bit to prevent the spreading of this virus. Last year, with your support, all students wore masks. I am once again asking for you to support us by speaking to your child(ren) about complying with mask wearing in school and to provide your child(ren) with a mask.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions or queries, please contact us using admin@buttershaw.net

If there are any further updates, we will of course let you know as soon as we do.

Yours sincerely

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Head of school



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