



Ancaster
Church of England Primary School

Tuesday 30th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the latest information that has been released from the Government regarding the Omicron variant of Covid-19 that is currently being investigated, we are moving back to an increased use of face masks in different social settings and we have signaled to staff that we will, once again, wear masks in communal areas and corridors around school.

From tomorrow, visitors to the school will also need to wear a mask in our building and we have put other internal arrangements in place to ensure that we are being as sensible as possible without moving back to other arrangements which have not been in place this academic year (bubbles or staggered starts etc). Our aim is to ensure that we try and reduce the transmission of Covid-19, as best as possible, and we have moved back to increased use of face masks and handwashing as well as continuing to ensure that all events are risk assessed in line with current procedures. You will note that we have taken steps to cancel non-essential events and as such, events like our Christmas Fayre have been cancelled and this year, we are unable to invite parents to our Key Stage 2 Christingle in Church. Today, Miss Footitt, our Reception/Key Stage 1 Leader has written to parents of Year 1 and 2 to outline safety measures we are hoping to be in place in order to run the KS1 nativity performance. However, we will keep everything under constant review and keep communicating with you in due course.

From tomorrow (Wednesday 1st December), staff will wear masks at drop off and pick up points and we ask that conversations during this time remain brief and distanced. Parents and carers do not need to specifically wear masks at these times as you are dropping off and collecting in the outdoor areas but the wearing of masks does remain optional for you. If you need to engage in a longer conversation with a member of staff, we will ask that you wear a mask and remain at a distance. Please note that children still do not need to wear masks in school.

I am sorry that we appear to be taking a few steps back in our progress against Covid-19 but I know that we will do as we always have, which is to approach each stage of the pandemic with caution alongside common sense in order to ensure that we keep everyone as safe as possible.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Sam Eden
Headteacher