

29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

You will be aware that Covid rules are being strengthened once more, in response to concern over the newly identified Omicron variant and concerns that this variant may be more infectious. Please see the information below about new restrictions and how they will affect us in school.

### Face Coverings

Face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all schools by staff, visitors, and students in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt. Students (in year 7 or above) should continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt.

## **Please ensure your child brings a suitable face covering to school**

### Further Covid-19 precautions

Currently guidance regarding isolation and close contacts in school remains unchanged, however we continue to record all positive cases and work with Cheshire West and Chester Public Health to review. In addition to this we will be re-enforcing again with students and staff the importance of face coverings in communal areas, regular handwashing and use of anti-bacterial hand gels.

### Lateral Flow Testing

Please continue to support your child to conduct twice weekly lateral flow tests and record the results [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/report-a-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test-result). If your child receives a positive result please continue to also report to school by emailing [c19alert@nestonhigh.com](mailto:c19alert@nestonhigh.com). Guidance recommends that positive lateral flow tests are followed up by undertaking a confirmatory PCR.

It is now once again prudent that as a school we are reviewing the national, regional and local situation and amending our Dynamic Risk Assessment as appropriate. Further changes may be re-introduced. We will endeavor to maintain a balanced approach but clearly health and safety is paramount and thereby all communal planned events and activities will be reviewed and potentially will be affected. As always, we await further guidance from Public Health England and the Department of Education before final decisions are made.

As always, thank you for your continued support to keep our school community safe.

With kind regards  
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Headteacher