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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and Covid-free. However, with rising numbers, I realise that many of you will have had disrupted festivities and may be struggling with ongoing illness. This letter lays out the routines for the start of term.

#### 1. Face Coverings – in classrooms

The Government is temporarily recommending that face coverings are worn in classrooms and teaching spaces for students in Year 7 or above, in light of the Omicron variant surge. The advice is short term only to support students and staff as they return to schools this term. This builds on the existing guidance that recommends face coverings for all adults in communal areas of all settings.

The advice on face coverings in classrooms will be in place until the 26 January, when Plan B regulations are currently scheduled to expire, at which point it will be reviewed. Please do send your child in with a face covering (unless they are exempt). We will carry on providing exception cards for students who need them.

#### 2. Face Coverings – in the restaurant

There is no change here. In order to enter the restaurant and queue for food, we ask students to wear a face mask. This was done really well last term.

#### 3. Staggered Return

Please refer to the letter before Christmas regarding the staggered return to school (from Tuesday 4 January). If you are in any doubt, you can email me or your child's Head of Year who can advise of timings. This is to allow us to test all students before they enter classrooms and mix with peers.

#### 4. Consent for Testing

If you have not given consent for your child to be tested, it is not too late. You can email me or your child's Head of Year. We will NOT test students who have not been given parental consent.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of the safety measures that we are putting in here at WCSA. If you have any questions, please do email me.

Yours faithfully

Jacqui Scott  
Principal