

29 November 2021

To parents and carers of children and young people at all schools in Ebor Academy Trust

Dear parent/carer

You will be aware that the government is reacting swiftly to Omicron, the new Covid-19 variant, re-introducing some restrictions while scientists work to understand its transmissibility, ability to cause severe illness and resistance to vaccines.

Until further notice, therefore, from tomorrow (Tuesday 30 November) staff at all our schools – special, primary and secondary – will wear face coverings in communal areas. Students in Year 7 and above must also wear face coverings as they go from lesson to lesson. There is no requirement for primary age children to wear face coverings. We require parents/carers to also wear face coverings, unless they are exempt, while on school premises.

Events such as Christmas performances will proceed as normal. We ask you to undertake a lateral flow test, and for this to be negative, before coming into school. We will provide hand sanitiser for you to sanitise your hands upon entry and expect you to wear face coverings while on our premises.

Please remember, as rooms will be well ventilated, you may want to add an extra layer to keep warm.

This guidance is current as at today, 29 November, but is subject to continual review.

Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times for everyone.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Gail Brown

Chief Executive and Executive Headteacher