

November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you and your family are well at this time.

Over the weekend concerns have been raised over a new COVID variant, Omicron. There have been notices given to the general public on the wearing of face coverings, particularly in shops and on public transport.

At Cardinal Newman, we introduced the wearing of face coverings in classrooms at the end of September. This was in response to an in-school increase in cases.

We will still maintain the wearing of face coverings within classrooms. Students will also be required to wear face coverings in corridors and communal areas, unless medically exempt.

Please ensure your child brings a face covering with them to school every day.

On Friday 26 November 2021, the DfE advised schools that students returning to school after the Christmas break will be required to have an on-site lateral flow test. We do not have the final details of the expectations around testing and will update our families as we receive more information.

The measures introduced to schools over the weekend can be viewed via the following link <u>https://tinyurl.com/nhetsp43</u>

Yours faithfully

Ms E O'Connor Headteacher



