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Dear Parent/Carer

We are very much looking forward to welcoming students back at the start of a new term. As I'm sure you are aware students are being offered a lateral flow test before they return to school at the start of this term. Please see my previous letter dated 15 December 2021 for the arrangements for your child's testing and return date. (The letter can be found on our website here: <http://bca.warrington.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/003-Whole-school-Jan-2022-return-to-school-arrangements.pdf>) Since I wrote to you on the 15 December the Department for Education has issued further information and guidance for schools.

Face Masks/Face Coverings

In addition to face masks being worn in communal areas we are now requiring students to wear them in classrooms. This will be reviewed in two weeks' time as the DfE has indicated that this should be a short term measure to mitigate the spread of Covid 19 as schools re-open following the Christmas break. Please ensure you provide your child with a face mask each day.

If your child is medically exempt from wearing a mask please inform their Progress Leader so they can be issued with an exemption pass.

Isolation Period

The government has made the decision to shorten the period of isolation following a positive test result for Covid 19. Students now only need to isolate for 7 days instead of 10. However, this is based on two very specific requirements:

1. On day 6 and day 7 of the isolation period your child has two negative lateral flow tests 24 hours apart.
2. Your child does not have symptoms of Covid 19.

If your child meets the two requirements above then they should return to school on day 8.

Coats and Ventilation

To further mitigate the spread of the virus in school over the next month we will be making sure our classrooms and school building will be as well ventilated as possible. This means windows and doors will remain open throughout large parts of the school including classrooms. Therefore we are permitting students to **wear a winter coat on top of their blazer in classrooms and communal areas.**



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This does not mean students are permitted to wear non-uniform items such as hoodies, branded sweatshirts or tracksuit tops under their blazers. These items remain outside of our uniform policy, are not permitted and students will be asked to remove them.

The latest letter sent regarding our uniform expectations can be found on our website here: <http://bca.warrington.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/004-Whole-school-Jan-2022-uniform-expectations.pdf>

Online and Remote Learning

Due to the current rate of infection related to the omicron variant we may face some disruption to our staffing. In the unlikely event that disruption to staffing means we cannot keep all students onsite we will move to our remote learning platform Google Classroom. If such disruption means your child is required to work from home for a short period of time we will provide an appropriate period of notice and ensure they are equipped with the necessary technology to access their lessons. In the event of sending year groups home to work online we will prioritise face to face school based teaching for students in Year 11 and Year 7.

Thank you once again for you continued support.

Yours faithfully



**Mr G Harris
Principal**



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