



Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.
 They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.
 It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.
 It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17: 7 - 8

Coronavirus Risk Assessment Update – 29.11.21

Dear Parents and carers,

On Saturday 27 November, the Prime Minister announced new temporary measures following the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK. The new measures will be introduced as a precaution to slow down the spread of the variant while we gather more information. We will continue to keep this under review as the situation develops.

We have reviewed our Coronavirus Risk Assessment to take these extra measures into account and the highlighted changes are in **PINK**. I have also outlined key changes below for your convenience. The risk assessment is attached to the email and can be found on our school website.

Face coverings – all staff and visitors

Face coverings should be worn in communal areas on school site by staff and visitors (except if you are exempt), this includes on the playground.

Omicron Variant

Any suspected or confirmed close contacts of the Omicron variant will be asked to isolate for 10 days regardless of vaccination status or age. We are awaiting advice from Public Health England on how we identify the Omicron variant.

Events

We will be reviewing all school activities taking into consideration 'NYCC Guidance for Activities in Schools - Autumn/Winter 2021'.

Ventilation

Extra ventilation is still an essential part of our Covid measures in school. Knowing this, we recommend that your child starts to wear an extra layer during the school day to maintain body temperature. An extra t-shirt, a base layer or wearing their PE Hoodie on top of their uniform are useful suggestions.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a new, continuous cough
- a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in
- their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If the child has a positive test result but do not have [symptoms](#), they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions,

Kind regards

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 Executive Headteacher

