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Dear Families,

Updated Covid (Omicron Variant) Guidance

Following the announcements by the Prime Minister over the weekend, and the subsequent announcement by the Department for Education yesterday, I would like to update you on the following areas of our Covid protocols that have been reviewed as a result.

We are pleased that COVID 19 infections remain very low at King's Academy Prospect and there is no suggestion that we are in an outbreak situation. To ensure that this remains the case and that we minimise absence from other illnesses, we will be reintroducing the following protocols:

- All students and staff will be required to wear face masks in all inside communal areas, including corridors, classrooms and the canteen. If your child is exempt for medical reasons, please email Mrs Clyne jclyne@prospect.reading.sch.uk so we can provide them with a pass.
- We will continue with enhanced daily cleaning of all touch points in the school; in addition, students are encouraged to use hand sanitiser on arriving and leaving classrooms.
- Students should be completing at least two lateral flow tests every week; all students will be given a pack of tests which will cover twice weekly testing until the end of term tomorrow, if you would like additional packs, please contact Mrs Clyne.
- Any suspected or confirmed close contacts of the Omicron variant will be asked to isolate for 10 days regardless of vaccination status or age. You will be contacted directly via track and trace and told to isolate.
- Any student or member of staff who has a household member test positive for a more commonly known variant of COVID 19 will be advised to take a daily LFD test for 7 days, in addition to taking a one-off PCR test. Anyone who is exempt from self-isolation (those under 18 or adults who are fully vaccinated) and who test negative can continue to attend school during the period of LFD testing.
- Any student or member of staff who is identified as a close contact of a positive case of a more commonly known variant of COVID 19 via NHS Test and Trace will be advised to take a daily LFD test for 7 days, in addition to taking a one-off PCR test. Anyone who is exempt from self-isolation (those under 18 or adults who are fully vaccinated) and who test negative can continue to attend school during the period of LFD testing.

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- At breaktimes, it is essential that students stay in their designated areas to reduce contacts. All students will be issued with new lanyards over the next week; it is essential that these are worn at all times.

We are currently updating our Covid Risk Assessment in the light of this changing situation; this will be available on our website as from tomorrow.

We know none of this will be welcome news, but we appreciate your support as we follow these new government guidelines to slow the spread of this variant.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Littlemore
Headteacher