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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to update you on our Covid-19 guidelines in the run up to Christmas and following recent changes to Government guidance.

School staff are now required to wear masks in communal areas such as corridors and we ask all visitors to wear a mask once again when they enter the school building. Teachers will not be wearing masks when they are teaching.

There is currently no need for parents/carers to wear masks on pick up and drop off if they are staying outside. It is a personal choice. You will have noticed that I have started wearing a mask on the gate, but that is simply a precaution due to the high number of people that I talk to.

In school we continue to encourage good hygiene, including cleaning. Staff continue to use lateral flow tests twice a week. The school is well ventilated, and we are delighted to be using our government supplied CO2 monitors to identify areas which need further ventilation.

Families at Blackboys are excellent at communicating with me regarding possible cases and being proactive at conducting PCR tests. Thank you. We advise that if a family member tests positive, other family members living at the same address conduct a PCR test and receive a negative result before returning to school. Vigilance and regular lateral flow tests will also help. Please communicate with the school office if you need reassurance around this. Should any positive cases involve the Omicron Variant, then those in contact would have to isolate for a full 10 days regardless of any exemptions.

At present, with the exception of the PTA Christmas Fair and PTA Film Night, we plan to continue with our broad range of Christmas events. They will all be carefully risk assessed to ensure that everyone is kept as safe as reasonably possible. For parents/carers coming into school or church for assemblies, Nativity or carol concerts, we would insist that face coverings are worn, unless exempt. We would also recommend you take a rapid lateral flow test before attending the event as you are likely to be coming into contact people you don't normally meet. We will ventilate and provide hand gel.

All Christmas events will run on the assumption that we don't see any further changes to Government Guidance, that there is no spike in Covid-19 at Blackboys and that staff running the events remain well. This week's newsletter will contain further information about Christmas events.

Yours sincerely

Graham Sullivan
Headteacher