

Dear Parents/Carers

Extra measures to tackle rising Covid-19 cases in schools

As we approach Christmas break we would like to take the opportunity to thank you again for all of your support during the pandemic.

Schools and parents are continuing to play a critical role in helping to keep the wider community safe through all the work you are doing around testing, vaccinations and infection control.

Unfortunately with increasing Covid-19 cases in Middlesbrough and growing concern on the speed of the transmission of the emerging Omicron Variant we believe it is vital to take proactive steps to reduce the spread of infection and minimise the risk of further disruption to education when schools return in January.

In Middlesbrough there have been 918 positive cases in the previous two weeks up to 11th December. Of these cases, 335 (36%) were aged 0-19 years old.

We share your priority to ensure your children can receive face-to-face education and as such we have made recommendations to schools for measures to be introduced from 4th January 2022 where possible.

Your school will be in contact with you prior to your child's return in January to let you know of the measures that they will be putting in place.

We are continuing to monitor the situation closely. We will review our recommendations if the situation changes and your school will be informed as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely



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