



# LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

You will no doubt be aware of the concerns reported in the media recently regarding the new Covid Omicron variant. The Government has therefore announced temporary, precautionary measures alongside current guidance. We have felt it prudent to address these immediately, given the proximity of cases recently found in Essex.

As of tomorrow, we will reintroduce the wearing of face coverings. Students will be required to wear a mask when in corridors and in indoor communal spaces unless they are eating or drinking (unless exempt).

Although there is currently no expectation that students and staff wear masks whilst in lessons, anyone that wishes do so will have our support. Windows will continue to be open throughout the school where possible. Teaching staff will be asked to use their discretion and allow coats and jackets to be worn in classrooms with particularly low temperatures. Please be aware that hooded jumpers are not permitted.

It is important that households continue to use the lateral flow tests twice per week (Wednesday and Sunday night is recommended) and report any positive results to us.

I would like to reassure you that at present positive COVID cases in the school are relatively low. We will continue to do everything within our power to minimise any disruption to your child's education, whilst endeavoring to ensure their safety. We will also continue to follow guidance from the DfE and Public Health England and should any further measures need to be re-introduced we will be sure to advise you as soon as possible. As always, your ongoing support is appreciated.

Your sincerely

Ian Wilson and Rav Bansal

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