



# LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this message finds you well and that you've had an enjoyable holiday? I am looking forward to welcoming all students back to school tomorrow and the fantastic achievements that will no doubt be happening this half-term.

Following a review of local COVID data, Government guidance, and our risk assessment, wearing a face-covering or face mask is no longer recommended in classes and within the school building. However, it can continue to be worn if staff or students wish.

It is also recommended that students take a lateral flow test today (Sunday 20th) and tomorrow morning (Monday 21st) before returning to school and isolating themselves at home if they test positive.

Tomorrow, Monday 21st February, is International Mother Language Day. Research shows the educational benefit of Mother Language development across all subjects if English is not your first language, and I would like to take the opportunity to encourage you to speak/read and write with your children in your Mother language if you can do so.

Thank you to all parents who attended my Question and Answer session on Thursday 10th February. I look forward to arranging another in the next few weeks and hope it can take place in person this time. I would also like to take the opportunity to request parent support to ensure all students are wearing full school uniform, on time to school and lessons, strive for good attendance and have Courage, Commitment and Compassion in all they do.

Yours sincerely,  
Andrew Finn  
Headteacher.

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