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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Advice from the Department for Education

There are continued concerns about the Omicron variant and the difficulties this could bring when schools re-open this week. We all know that face-to-face education is the best way for children and young people to learn and that we have to balance this against the wider public health risks brought by COVID-19. In light of these concerns we have been advised on the following actions for parents:

- **Face coverings to be worn in classrooms and communal areas. The advice is short term only and will be reviewed on 26th January.**
- Parents are advised not to send children to school if they are symptomatic and to book a PCR test. Please continue to look out for symptoms of COVID-19 (High temperature, new persistent cough and loss of taste/smell). In addition, parents are advised to consider a runny nose, sore throat, headache and body aches/tiredness as potential COVID-19 symptoms. PCR tests are now available for people with any of the above seven symptoms on the government website.
- Parents are advised to test children **daily** at home for 7 days using a lateral flow test if there is a household member who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Parents are advised to test children **daily** at home for 7 days using a lateral flow test if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Parents are encouraged to give consent to the 12+ vaccination to help reduce the risk of children or others getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19)
- All students are strongly encouraged to test twice a week using an LFD test and to report all results to [the NHS](https://www.nhs.uk) and to school.
- Since Wednesday 22nd December 2021, positive cases are now able to leave self-isolation if they take LFD tests on two consecutive days from day 6, these must be taken at least a full 24 hours apart. Both test results on each day must be negative and if the case does not have a high temperature, they can leave self-isolation.

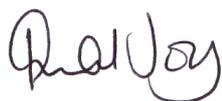
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Finally, please can I ask that parents continue to remain vigilant and continue to report all positive cases to covid@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk

With your ongoing support we will reduce the spread of infection and minimise disruptions to children's education this year.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Grewal-Joy'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Mrs K Grewal-Joy
Headteacher