



4th January 2022

Spring term and the Omicron variant






Dear Families,

I hope you all had a happy and healthy Christmas that was Covid free. I am sure you are aware that **Omicron** is now the dominant Covid19 variant in the UK and although early indications are, that it is less severe than the delta variant, it is more easily spread.

This means it is highly likely that there will be some unavoidable staff and pupil absence this term, if staff or children test positive and need to self isolate.

The governors and I will do all we can, to ensure that school and nursery remains fully open, but there may be difficult decisions to make if staff absence is high.

In order to reduce the spread of Omicron and keep the school fully open, we are requesting that

	<p>Adults wear a mask when dropping off or collecting their child from school/nursery</p>
	<p>Only 1 adult comes onto the school site, per child/family</p>
	<p>You call the office if you are unsure if your child is displaying covid19 symptoms</p>
	<p>You dress your child warmly, as we will be keeping doors and windows open as much as possible</p>
	<p>You let us know if anyone in the household has tested positive for covid19</p>



Symptoms in children

Although the government has never updated their list of covid19 symptoms, since the start of the pandemic

- Loss of smell and taste
- Continuous cough
- High temperature

it is worth knowing that **fatigue, headache, loss of appetite and a rash**, have been recorded in some children infected with **Omicron**, so please look out for these as possible symptoms too.

Thank you for your continued support and Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher

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Chair of Governors