



2 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family have had an enjoyable Christmas break.

This morning the Department of Education published the following updated guidance for Secondary Schools:

- To maximise the number of children in school for the maximum amount of time, the Government is temporarily recommending that face coverings are worn in classrooms and teaching spaces for students in year 7 or above, in light of the Omicron variant surge.
- The advice is short term only to support pupils and teachers as they return to schools this term and builds on the existing proportionate guidance that recommends face coverings in communal areas of all settings.
- The advice on face coverings in classrooms will be in place until the 26 January, when Plan B regulations are currently scheduled to expire, at which point it will be reviewed.
- The full guidance can be accessed here - [More support to keep pupils in the classroom - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/more-support-to-keep-pupils-in-the-classroom)

How can you help?

Monday, 3 January 2022 we ask that all students take a lateral flow test at home before returning to school the next day.

We would also ask that families continue with the twice weekly Covid 19 testing at home, reporting any positive lateral flow tests to the school.

Schedule for lateral flow testing next term

Tuesday, 4 January 2022 - All students return to school at the normal start time of 8.25am. All other students who have consented to take a lateral flow test will attend the Sports Hall for testing on a rota basis.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this letter please do not hesitate to contact me at lOLEARY@robertsutton.srscmat.co.uk

I would like to thank everyone for the ongoing support.

With warmest wishes,

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