

CWA/LDA/GHA

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: COVID-19 Protocols until February Half Term

I hope this correspondence finds you and your respective families well today.

As you will be aware, from tomorrow (Thursday 27 January 2022), the Government have stated that all COVID-19 measures – referred to as 'Plan B' - introduced to combat the Omicron Variant, will come to an end. However, based on the latest COVID-19 academy-related case rate data which highlights that 2.9%, or 50 out of 1727, of our students from across all year groups, and five of our teaching and support staff are currently self-isolating, and the fact that on a national scale, COVID-19 related student and staff absences not only remain very high but are in fact on the rise again, we will be keeping all of our current COVID-19 protocols and mitigations in place until at least February half term. It is at this point that we will conduct our next full review after which I will write to you again to provide the next update.

A reminder of our full list of protocols and mitigations can be found via our website. **These include maintaining the wearing of face coverings on the corridors, whilst moving between lessons, lining up for the canteen, and whilst travelling on buses and in taxis.**

As I have said many times before, our students have remained incredibly supportive of the COVID-19 measures we have put, and kept, in place despite it being for a near two-year period now. The same can be said for you, our Parents and Carers, of course. For this, my Colleagues and I remain hugely appreciative as the bottom line is that without such support and adherence to these measures, our case rates would have been much higher, and more people would have contracted the virus. Furthermore, it would have seen us having to switch to our remote learning programme on a much more regular basis than just the two lockdown periods.

Thank you for taking the time to read this further COVID-19 update letter as well as for your anticipated ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Principal