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Dear Parents/Carers,

Update on COVID-19 advice and school protocols

As a school, our priority has always been to keep our community safe whilst minimising disruption to your child's education. This remains the case in light of the appearance of cases of the Omicron variant in the UK.

I would like to clarify our school procedures and advice in relation to Coronavirus which are always guided by advice we receive from Hackney Education and Public Health England.

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| Family member (including your children) displays three COVID symptoms (even if mild): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a new continuous cough • a fever or high temperature • or a change or loss of sense of taste or smell | Take a PCR test | Negative result | Child attends school (once well enough) |
| Family member tests positive for COVID-19 | Your child has no COVID symptoms | | Child attends school |
| Family member – including your children display following symptoms that are new, persistent or unusual such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shortness of breath or wheezing • fatigue • loss of appetite • muscle ache or pain • sore throat and/or hoarseness • persistent headache • runny or blocked nose • nausea, vomiting or diarrhoea | Take a PCR test as a precautionary measure. | Negative result | Child attends school (once well enough) |
| PCR test confirms that you or a family member has tested positive for the Omicron variant | Anyone who has been in contact with you must isolate for 10 days and should take a PCR test – even if they display no COVID symptoms. | | Child isolates for 10 days. |



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As we do not know how contagious this new variant is, or what impact it has on the severity of COVID illness as a school we are taking the following precautionary measures:

- All parents and visitors to the school will be required to wear a mask whilst in the school building. ***This includes the entrance to the school.***
- Parents/carers are required to wear a mask for school events such as Big Read, parent workshops, parent evenings and concerts.
- We appreciate that parents socially distance when lining up outside the school gates in the morning.
- We recommend the wearing of masks in the playground at the end of the day, particularly if you need to talk to a school adult.

With the new Omicron variant, the key difference is that if a family member tests positive, your child(ren) will need to isolate for 10 days even if they have no symptoms. With other COVID variants, this is not the case eg your child still attends school.

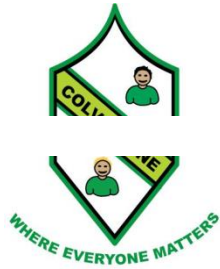
We will continue to keep our school procedures and advice under review based on advice we receive from Hackney Education and Public Health England.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone safe.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Caroline King'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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