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COVID19 Procedures Update

Dear Parents/Carers

Following the Government's recent announcement and guidance regarding the identification of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK, I outline our plans to ensure that we are putting measures in place at George Spicer School to keep our community as safe as possible:

- We will re-introduce mask wearing for all adults entering the school buildings from 30/11/21, unless they are exempt. Staff will wear masks in communal areas of the school. Children should wear masks on public transport.
- We will also continue with measures to ensure handwashing and sufficient ventilation, consequently that pupils should ensure they are wearing sufficient warm clothing.
- The [current guidance on contact tracing and isolation](#) remains in place. In addition, any suspected or confirmed close contacts of someone testing positive for the **Omicron variant** will be asked to isolate for 10 days regardless of vaccination status or age. You will be contacted directly and told to isolate.
- If your child tests positive on a Lateral flow test, then they must stay at home and organise a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test. [You can order rapid lateral flow tests using this link](#)

We have been fortunate that of late we have not had the spike in cases other schools and areas have had but we want this to continue so ask that you follow the previous advice and guidance and remain vigilant and supportive.

Reception/Apache Performances

We are currently still planning to hold the Reception/Apache performances with a live audience as this will be a wonderful family opportunity for both you and the children. There will be lots of doors and windows open and therefore it will be cold – so wrap up warm **and PLEASE wear a mask.**

Church Services

Unfortunately, we will not be attending the church services this year as we are avoiding getting the whole school together to minimise risk of transmission as much as we can.

This is not what I had hoped to be sharing on the commencement of Advent; although the first theme is quite apt and I do *hope* if we continue to work together then we can all enjoy the festive period both in school and at home.

Kind regards

Mr D Spong
Headteacher

"Cooperation is the thorough conviction that nobody can get there unless everybody gets there." –
Virginia Burden

