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Dear Parent / Carer

Firstly, can I take this opportunity to let you know that we are aware that a significant number of families have been impacted by Storm Arwen over the weekend. Many of you continue to be without power and have had significant damage to your property. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time and please do not hesitate to get in contact with us if we can be of any support.

The school buildings sustained some damage, as well as fallen trees, but our site team was at school on Saturday morning to secure the site and carry out essential maintenance. On behalf of all our students, staff and parents I would like to thank our brilliant team for ensuring that we were able to open safely this morning.

COVID Update

You will have seen on the news over the weekend that in response to the Omicron variant there have been a number of changes to COVID measures. I would like to confirm the implications of these changes for our school. For your information, we currently have 5 positive cases in school.

Face coverings

All staff, and students have been advised that unless exempt, they should wear a face covering in communal areas of school including corridors and halls. At this stage this guidance does not extend to classrooms. In addition, they are required to wear face coverings in shops and on public and school transport. We would appreciate it if you can provide your child with an appropriate reusable face covering every day so they are not using school supplies unnecessarily.

Testing for household contacts

Where a family member has tested positive for COVID we advise that all household members should arrange a PCR test and undertake a daily LFD test. This is so that any subsequent positive cases can be quickly picked up and for self isolation to begin as soon as possible. We will continue to distribute test kits as needed.

Isolation

All contacts of suspected Omicron cases will be required to self-isolate for 10 days, regardless of a person's vaccination status. This may once again have serious implications for students' attendance in school which is why the above measures are critical to maintain the best attendance of staff and students possible.

Testing and isolation for those planning to travel overseas

From today, anyone entering the UK will require a PCR test within 48 hours of arrival and will need to self-isolate until they have a negative result. Please consider this if planning any trips overseas during the holidays as it may impact on the date your child is able to return to school.

On site Testing January 2022

We have been advised that we must plan for all students to take one test on-site as they return to school after the Christmas break, followed by another at home three to four days later. This is likely to be delivered on our training day (Tuesday 4 January) and further information and appointment times will follow in due course.

Vaccinations

If your child did not receive the vaccine in school and you would like them to be vaccinated then please visit: [Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination – NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/booking/) to book your appointment.

We thank you for your continued support and will continue to update you as further information becomes available.

Yours sincerely

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