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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you formally, to update you about the current state of play in regards to Covid 19, the new Omicron variant and what steps we are taking at The Marvell College to help minimise risk leading into the Christmas break and then when we return in the New Year.

I think the first thing to say is thank you for continuing to test at home thus helping to ensure students who may have the virus do not attend, and for how well the students have conducted themselves this week with the reintroduction of face coverings being worn during lesson transitions and when in communal areas outside of the classroom.

Face Coverings

The DfE have asked that we encourage all students (unless exempt) to wear a face covering whilst moving around in school, we have ordered branded face coverings, there will be two for each student and we hope these will arrive early next week. Once these have been issued to students we will expect these to be worn around the school. In the interim period please can you encourage your child to bring their own face covering into school. The face covering ideally should be plain, and free from pictures or slogans. We are distributing disposable masks on a daily basis so there is no requirement to go out and purchase a new one but if there are available coverings at home that would help us in terms of our internal PPE supplies, thank you.

School Shows and Events

We are currently planning for a number of events to take place in the lead up to Christmas, please be aware that these events may be cancelled at very short notice due to guidance from the Local Public Health Team. As it currently stands we have very few cases of Covid 19 in school and no evidence that there has been any transmission of the virus in school.

Current guidance from the Public Health Team dictates that where there is a high prevalence of the virus in school they recommend cancelling all public events. This is not the case at Marvell but we might find that a citywide statement is released covering all schools. As always we will be guided by the Public Health Team and keep you as up to date as we can.

Return to School in January

As well as the introduction of face coverings, the DfE have also asked that we test students on their return to school in January. The tests will be conducted by students themselves but under the supervision of trained testing staff in the auditorium. This will be exactly the same as we have done in previous terms, the only difference being that we will only be testing students once during that first week. You should receive details of consent either today or tomorrow, please ensure you complete this either way. We will in addition be sending testing kits home with students on the last day of term and would ask that students take a test on Monday 3rd of January 2022, before they return to school on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the information outlined in the letter and for your ongoing support of the school, we will of course keep you as up to date as we can via letters, text and our twitter account @TMCHull.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Capper', with a flourish at the end.

Mr J Capper
Headteacher