

Monday 29th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you well.

As I am sure you have heard in Government announcements over the weekend, a new variant of Covid-19 has been discovered in the UK and as a precautionary measure, the expectation is that masks are to be worn in shops and on public transport from Tuesday 30th November 2021.

The DfE have sent guidance last night to say the following in relation to schools:

Face coverings

Face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors and pupils or students in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt.

Pupils or students (in year 7 or above) should continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt.

Testing

All educational and childcare settings should continue to encourage staff and students to test twice weekly using lateral flow device (LFD) tests.

We will be reintroducing mask wearing at NUSA for all staff, students and visitors (unless exempt) in corridors and communal spaces. We will be able to issue masks on the school doors to students who may have forgotten theirs but do encourage all students to bring their own mask to school each day.

If your child is medically exempt from wearing a mask, please complete the form on the link below. We will then issue your child with an exemption card tomorrow morning. If you have previously completed the exemption card, please still ensure that you complete the form again so that we have an accurate and up to date record of who is exempt.

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Lulr9FO180SIVj4NhJCOuPd1_L7I7bZEo6XA7dpt3_hUOUZJSzBKODg5VkvUTVdWUFpaVIRDQkFQOS4u

On the return to school in the New Year, we have been asked to test all pupils (where permission has been given) via lateral flow onsite testing. I will write to you with more details on this later on in the term.

If you have any questions, please contact me on ehoward@nusa.org.uk

Take care,

Emma Howard
Head of school