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Dear Parents

**Happy New Year – Welcome back**

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As you are all aware, on your child's return to school, in addition to onsite testing, there is also a requirement to wear facemasks in the school building until the 26 January 2022, when the directive will be reviewed.

We are all now aware that COVID transfer is mainly through air droplets breathed out from an infected person. Scientific research indicates that wearing a face mask reduces transmission between 50-75%, which is why this recommendation is being put into place. Even though early findings indicate that the Omicron virus appears to be milder than previous strains, it is much more transmittable.

As a school, we have some very vulnerable staff and students for whom COVID still poses an extreme risk if they caught it, which is why we are asking that everyone works together in every way they can to keep people safe.

A small number of our Community are exempt from wearing masks. This puts them at great risk from both catching and transferring COVID. We, therefore, ask that you discuss with your child the importance of being extra cautious and maintaining social distancing around these people. If your child is exempt from wearing a mask and you have not contacted the school in either March or December 2021, please email their Learning Coach and Head of Learning Community.

We would ask that you send your child into school each day with 2 face masks. If you are unable to provide a mask for your child, they can be purchased in school for 10p.

If your child has COVID symptoms, which are very similar to cold and flu symptoms, we would ask that they take a lateral flow test at home and if positive, the child remains at home and you let us know by emailing [covid@ntc.kent.sch.uk](mailto:covid@ntc.kent.sch.uk) We will then contact you with the next steps.

In addition to wearing face masks and the existing mechanical ventilation of the school, we will be frequently ventilating classrooms by opening windows. In the colder months, your child may be more comfortable wearing their outdoor coat over their school uniform.

At NTC, we believe it is best to keep students in school and learning. We hope that our staffing situation will allow for this to happen over the next few months and we hope that this will be able to be maintained.

As always, thank you so much for your support.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher