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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you've had a lovely, restful Christmas and a happy new Year. We are looking forward to welcoming all our students back on Thursday this week and hope to be able to get through all the lateral flow testing prior to this to avoid missing any curriculum time. If you returned the consent form you should have received details of when your child's testing slot is; if this is not the case please e-mail enquiries@dorcan.co.uk and we will aim to get you sorted as soon as possible. We will not be testing anyone without parental consent.

You may well have heard on the news or read in the newspaper that the government are now strongly recommending that students from years 7 upwards wear face masks in class as well as in communal areas. This has never been the directive before, when we were told that face masks were not recommended in classrooms. We know that students may not welcome this rule however, we are committed to following the government guidance which we are assured will be reviewed at the end of January; we need to do everything we can to support the NHS and avoid the virus from spreading. We hope that taking these measures will enable us to keep the school open. Please be assured that we will not switch to remote learning unless we absolutely have no choice due to staff absence and not being able to operate the school safely. If your child is exempt from wearing a face covering please send them in wearing their exemption lanyard; if they no longer have it, please write a note in the link book and we will contact you for confirmation before issuing them with one from school.

Please continue to encourage your child to take their lateral flow tests twice weekly and let us know if they are showing symptoms, receive a positive lateral flow test or are awaiting PCR results. If your child is showing symptoms or has a positive lateral flow they should not attend school, however, if they have been in close contact with a Covid case they can attend as long as they are not showing symptoms and have a negative lateral flow test each day.

Wishing you and your families a safe and happy 2022.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sherryl Bareham
Headteacher