



THE KING'S ACADEMY

Emmanuel Schools Foundation

Monday 29 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Face coverings (indoor communal areas and classrooms)- from Monday 29 November 2021

With the changes announced nationally over this last weekend relating to the increase of the omicron variant of Covid-19, we have taken the decision with the support of local education and health officials to recommend students' wearing of face coverings in the classrooms to further protect our community. We are strongly encouraging students to follow this policy unless exempt.

We continue to ask every student to bring at least 2 clean masks daily. Students who are exempt should wear purple badges, which can be provided on receipt of a parental/carers note in the student's planner.

To reiterate a familiar message, but one that remains of vital importance, we continue to take precautions at school (including maintaining vigilance for symptoms, ensuring good ventilation, and avoiding close contacts where possible), but please also continue at home:

1. **Lateral flow test:** twice each week, preferably on a Sunday evening and Wednesday evening. Students who need additional test kits can obtain them from their tutor; they are also available for free from local pharmacies. If your child tests *positive* on a lateral flow they should self-isolate and you should book a PCR test as a matter of urgency. If this is positive, they must isolate for 10 days.
2. **Symptom vigilance:** if your child has symptoms, they should self-isolate and take a PCR test as soon as possible.

We look forward to maintaining a safe environment through these steps with your support.

Yours sincerely,

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