



BORDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Borden Grammar School
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Dear parent or carer,

15 December 2021

As you will be aware, the government has asked schools to implement more restrictions to help prevent the further spread of the virus, particularly the Omicron variant. For schools this means that,

- We will continue to wear masks in areas inside the building where social distancing is difficult i.e. corridors and work rooms. Any student can certainly continue to wear masks in class if they wish to.
- We will continue to ventilate spaces and use our carbon dioxide monitors to help try and manage the impact of windows being open while keeping warm. Students may continue to wear coats in class if cold.
- We will continue to have a small eating space available in the main hall during lunchtime and will open up the hall when weather is particularly bad. Our large spaces are barely large enough to safely accommodate all students at breaktimes and so students will continue to be encourage to be outside at social times, whatever the weather.
- We will continue to encourage students to sanitise when entering the building and before lessons.
- Where it appears that we have more than a small number of cases in any one form or year group, we will write to you to recommend that students wear masks in classrooms for a short period and test themselves daily.
- We will continue to ask you to make sure your child is testing at least twice weekly. Please remember to check the guidelines if you receive a positive LFD test and to let us know, even over Christmas.

On this last point, the school has, once again, been required to test students on their return to school, although this time only once. The timetable for return to school is attached to this letter. To try and get students back into school more quickly, we will test them in school and keep them in school rather than require them to leave and return. If you have previously given consent for testing but wish to withdraw this, please let us know, otherwise testing will continue with the consent you provided previously. The staggered return will also be shorter as we will attempt to test more students in a shorter period of time. In order to do this safely, we will be asking you to make sure they test themselves on the day before returning and log this with the school. A failure to do this will mean they may have to return home after being tested.

Please also see a link below to report any positive PCR results during the Christmas break (17/12/21 to 4/1/2022): <https://forms.gle/3sTGidUfCG737fA> . All of the above remains a significant challenge for the school, so anything you can do to support is greatly appreciated.

I hope that you manage to have a safe and happy Christmas, even under such difficult circumstances and thank you for your patience and support you have all given us at Borden this year.

Yours faithfully,

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Headteacher



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