



29 November 2021

Re: Headteacher update - face coverings in primary schools

Dear Parents/Carers

On Saturday 27 November, the Prime Minister [announced](#) new temporary measures following the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK. In addition to this, the Department for Education released yesterday updated guidance for schools regarding face coverings.

Face Coverings

In our school's face coverings will be worn in communal areas by staff and visitors unless they are exempt. We are also asking that all visitors wear face masks on arrival to reception or when entering the school buildings. This will take effect from Tuesday 30 November 2021.

No pupils will have to wear face coverings in any part of the school unless they are required or if parents wish for them to do so. Further details regarding the arrangements for upcoming school events, such as the nativity, will be sent to you in due course.

Symptoms of COVID-19

As a reminder, the most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Should your child display any of these symptoms, they should stay at home, self-isolate and arrange a PCR test and inform school as soon as possible.

We greatly appreciate your continued support in implementing our protection measures against Covid 19. As always, should you have any queries please contact school via the normal channels.

Yours faithfully,
Pontefract Academies Trust