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Update to Covid-19 Procedures and Snow Protocols

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister spoke, with scientific advisors, about the development of Covid-19, with the Omicron variant causing some adjustments to the guidance for schools. The Department for Education has advised that **face coverings should be worn in all communal settings for Years 7-11**, including staff, unless exempt. In addition, the correspondence received details that **face coverings should be worn on public transport to and from the Academy**.

As you will know, the Academy has been organised in a manner that broadly separates students into bubbles for their teaching timetables, and keeps in year group spaces for communal periods like breaktime and lunch. Therefore, though we will always follow the advice from the Department for Education, we have always taken steps to insulate year groups from the spread of the virus, reflected in our excellent attendance.

The Academy has made the decision that the **Parents' Evening 2**, **scheduled for Thursday 9th December**, **will no longer be held in the Academy, but will take the form of a phone call with a Learning Consultant**, to be arranged between staff and students. During this evening, our Business Dress provider, Uniforms Plus, and P.E kit provider, Macron, **will still be in attendance** for families to try on attire, and place orders. Covid-secure procedures will need to be followed, which will be outlined closer to the time.

Finally, in conjunction with these announcements, comes a change in the weather – the recent snow forced the disappointing cancellation of the Christmas Fair this weekend. Parents and carers should be aware – we will communicate any closure due to the snow on our social media and send a text message out to all parents and carers; no announcement means that the Academy is open as normal. In terms of student work, the Academy has uploaded all resources for all lessons onto the Academy website every week this academic year – students should still complete lessons, following their timetable, and email work to their Learning Consultant. Lessons will be available from 09:00 each Monday morning.

If you have any queries, please contact your child's PLD.

Yours Faithfully,

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