



29th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I'm sure you anticipated, we had updates from the DFE yesterday afternoon, following the press conference on Saturday. As far as changes for primary schools go, there are just a few. To remind you of what is currently in place and what has changed:

- School staff are asked to wear a masks in communal areas around school.
- All visitors to the school site, who are entering the building, must wear a mask.
- We ask that parents/carers dropping off and collecting children, do wear a mask and follow social distancing guidance.
- All staff and children are strongly advised to use a lateral flow test twice weekly. If you require more LFD tests, these are available to order for free on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) or at your local pharmacy.
- All eligible staff and students aged 12 and over are encouraged to take up the offer of the vaccine, including boosters.
- Some local restrictions are still in place given the high numbers of cases in Somerset, including the advice for any contact of a positive case to isolate and book a PCR test, returning only when that result is negative. Please contact us for further advice or to report a positive case.
- Close contacts of the Omicron variant will be asked to isolate for ten days regardless of vaccination status or age.
- Travellers arriving from red list countries must follow the red list rules. Details of red list countries and rules can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-list-of-countries-and-territories>

I am sure that there will further reviews and maybe some more changes before we reach the end of term and we will keep you updated as these reach us in school. I attach the recent posters from Public Health Somerset and these will also be added to the railings out the front of school as a reminder. Thank you.

I will also be writing with details of our plan for on-site festivities.

Kind regards

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