

Richmond Hill Primary Academy Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

Principal's Update 3rd January 2022

Firstly, I'd like to offer you all our very best wishes for 2022 and hope you had a great Christmas break enjoying the festivities with family and friends. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back into school tomorrow (Tues 4th Jan). On the 2nd of January the Government provided schools with updated covid safety arrangements, in view of the spread of the Omicron variant. Please find below some important information and reminders prior to the start of the Spring term.

There are a large number of positive cases in Doncaster (along with the rest of the country) with Omicron as the dominant strain now, so we are going to continue to limit the number of contacts that your child has as much as we can. This helped prior to Christmas to reduce the number of infections we had and maintain education for our children. Our risk assessment we had before Christmas will continue with additional points/adjustments below to the new guidance.

- The latest DFE guidance says
 - If a child tests positive they can return to school once they have a negative LFD test on two consecutive days (Day 6 and Day 7) and show no signs of a temperature or symptoms.
 - If a child is in a household with a positive case they can come to school if they do an LFD test every day for 7 days and this is negative.
 - Please check the DFE guidance <u>here</u> for the latest information as this can change regularly.
- Please ensure your child has everything they need for the day so that we do not
 have unnecessary visits to the office dropping off packed lunches etc as this will
 increase risk of cross contamination.
- Please make sure your child arrives at school on time so that they can use their
 usual entrance and not have to come through school via the office as they could pass
 other children and staff.
- Visitors to school will be minimised again and school trips will be reviewed and risk assessed before they go ahead.
- Face coverings to be worn on site.

We will keep you up to date with any changes as we go through the term.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Secker Principal

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