



WADDINGTON REDWOOD

A PRIORY ACADEMY

30th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

After the news at the weekend about the Omicron variant, Covid-19 continues to be a virus that we are all learning to live and adapt to. Our priority at this time is to continue to deliver high quality face-to-face education for all our children. This letter is to inform you of the recent government update and how this will affect our academy.

The headline news is that there is a temporary recommendation on the wearing of face coverings for all adults when moving in corridors and communal areas of schools and health advice states that children in primary schools should not be asked to wear masks. There are also changes to the isolation requirements for confirmed and suspected cases of the Omicron variant and their contacts.

The guidance for schools 'Schools COVID-19 operational guidance' can be found at this [link](#).

Mixing and bubbles

There is no recommendation to keep children in consistent groups or 'bubbles'. This means that our arrangements for our Christmas performances will continue but we will keep you informed if there is any change to this.

Tracing and close contacts and isolation

As in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with a positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Anyone who has been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will be contacted and required to self-isolate and book a PCR test.

Face Coverings

All adults will be required to wear a mask in corridors and communal areas. Visitors to the academy will be asked to wear a face covering. Staff are not required to wear face masks in classrooms.

Control Measures

We continue to adhere to our control measures to limit the spread of any virus.

- We ensure good hygiene for everyone: hand and respiratory.
- We maintain appropriate and additional cleaning regimes.

Headteacher: Mrs F Kent BSc (Hons) QTS NPQH

Waddington Redwood Primary Academy Redwood Drive Brant Road Waddington Lincoln LN5 9BN

Tel: 01522 721156 **Email:** enquiries@redwood.lincs.sch.uk <http://www.waddingtonredwood.co.uk/>

Waddington Redwood Primary Academy is part of The Priory Federation of Academies Trust. For further information please contact The Priory Federation of Academies Trust, Cross O'Cliff Hill, Lincoln LN5 8PW **Telephone:** 01522 889977
Registered Company No: 6462935. DfE Registration No: 136194



- We keep spaces well ventilated and CO2 monitors are in place so that staff can quickly identify where ventilation needs to be improved.
- We continue to follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Asymptomatic testing

Staff are encouraged to test twice a week but there is no requirement for primary age children to test.

Confirmatory PCR tests

Anyone with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate and will need to get a free PCR test. Anyone with signs and symptoms of the virus should not attend school.

I hope the above clarifies any questions that you may have had but if there is anything that has not been explained and you need further advice, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs F Kent
Headteacher