

13 December 2021

Dear parents and carers,

### **Covid-19 Precautions**

The government have made some changes around Covid rules. These include:

- Asking adults (and those over 12) to wear face coverings on public transport and lots of public areas like shops.
- Asking people to work from home where possible (**this does not include schools**).

### **What does this mean for the academy?**

The only change we will be making is to ask you and all parents to wear a face covering (unless you are medically exempt) when you are picking up and dropping off your child. This will help to reduce the risk of Covid spreading.

### **We will also be insisting that you adhere to our one-way system around the outside of the academy.**

If it is necessary for you to come into school, we will ask you to wear a face covering at all times and if possible, to take a lateral flow test beforehand.

Please note, it is not advised that children under 12 wear a face covering.

The government have said that children who are medically vulnerable do not have to shield at this time, however some families may have received specific advice from their doctor, and this should be followed if this is the case. If this is relevant to your child, please contact the academy to discuss arrangements.

### **Over the holidays**

We are all looking forward to the upcoming holiday. To help reduce the spread of Covid-19, please remember

1. You can now [order free lateral flow tests](#) to see if you have Covid-19 (search lateral flow tests.)
2. Should you or your child have symptoms of Covid-19 [please get a PCR test as soon as possible](#) (search 'free PCR Test.')
3. If you are planning on [travelling abroad, the rules have changed](#) (search 'travel from UK').
4. Vaccination, and in some instances vaccination boosters, are now available for all adults and children over 12 who consent. Please consider whether you would like to be vaccinated if you have not been, as this will help to reduce the risk for everyone.

### **Returning to school in January**

We return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 08:30am. Please check that your child is well and has no symptoms of Covid-19 before returning to school.

Thank you as always for your understanding and support during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Dawson'.

Adam Dawson  
Principal

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## How to report a positive case of Covid-19 during a holiday or at the weekend:

- If your child tests positive for Covid-19 at the weekend or during the Christmas break it is really important that you make the school aware of this immediately, this is so we can take appropriate action and inform close contacts when necessary.
- There are two ways that you can contact school:
- **Email:** [info@oasiswatermead.org](mailto:info@oasiswatermead.org)  
[positivecase@oasiswatermead.org](mailto:positivecase@oasiswatermead.org)
- **Phone:** [0114 201 6800](tel:01142016800)  
[07989206374](tel:07989206374)
- If these numbers are not answered please leave a voicemail.

### Please provide the following details:

- **Your name:**
- **Your child's name:**
- **Your child's class:**
- **Your contact number:**

(so we can contact you for further information).




## How to report a positive case of Covid-19 during a holiday or at the weekend:

- We will not have to complete contact tracing, but we will be able to discuss with you when your child can return to school safely (once they have completed their self-isolation).
- We do not currently know what the situation will be in January, but we will continue to keep you updated on any changes.
- The most important thing to remember is to check that your child is well and has no symptoms of Covid-19 before returning to school.

### Update on Covid-19 precautions - Omicron' variant

- Updated guidance due to the Omicron' variant:
- Adults and older children are required to wear face coverings in shops and on public transport.
- School staff and secondary students are required to wear face coverings in busy areas of school.
- If it is suspected you have the Omicron variant of Covid-19, you will be required to self-isolate for 10 days even if you have a vaccine.
- Anyone arriving in the UK from abroad will require a PCR test within 48 hours and will need to self-isolate until they have a result
- People travelling from 'red-list' countries will be required to quarantine for two weeks in a hotel on arriving in the UK.
- Please continue to stay safe and book a PCR test straight away if you display symptoms on Covid-19.

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As you may know, the Government has introduced some new Covid rules in response to the 'Omicron' variant.



Adults and older children are now required to wear face coverings in shops and on public transport.



School staff and secondary students are required to wear face coverings in busy areas of school.



Parents collecting from the Academy will be required to wear a face covering.



We will be returning to a one-way system around the Academy building when collecting your child.



Anyone arriving in the UK from abroad will require a PCR test within 48 hours and will need to self-isolate until they have a result.



Should you or your child develop symptoms of Covid-19, please request a PCR test as soon as possible.



As an additional precaution we will be reducing the number of outside visitors to the school, asking that only essential visitors come into the academy.



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