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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will probably be aware that there has been a change in guidance from the Department for Education in response to the new Omicron variant of Covid 19. Schools have been asked to re-introduce the wearing of face coverings in communal areas (e.g. corridors and the queues for lunch) for students in Year 7 and above. This sits alongside the announcement by the government that face coverings are to be reintroduced in shops and on public transport. This will apply to all students at Deptford Green, unless they are exempt. Please discuss the reasons for this with your child and ensure that they have a face covering with them when they leave for school tomorrow morning.

We have provided all students with a disposable face covering today, however the continued cost of this would be high therefore we would therefore be grateful if you could ensure that your child remembers their face covering on a daily basis until this measure is removed.

It is also important that students continue testing themselves twice a week using the lateral flow test kits. These tests continue to identify cases early and help us limit the spread of Covid within the school community. We will continue with our enhanced cleaning regime and make sure that all sensible precautions are taken to keep our school community safe. At the moment we are pleased to note that cases at Deptford Green remain very low, but rest assured we will continue to monitor the situation closely and make decisions about all school activities in the light of case numbers and any changes in government guidance.

Any visitors to the school must take a LFT prior to entering the school site, sanitise hands on entry and wear a face covering at all times.

Finally, please be aware that all students who are 12 and over and eligible are able to take up the offer of being vaccinated. To book a vaccination for your child, please do so via this link: [Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#).

If you do have any questions in relation to Covid safety in school, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Emma Thurston

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Headteacher

