



ST AGNES Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is now the beginning of the Advent period with yesterday marking the first Sunday of Advent. This is a time when we prepare for the coming of Jesus. We were hoping to have nativities this year in school and in the church and had provisionally booked the dates with Fr Howard. However, this will not be possible. You will now all have heard about the new covid-19 variant Omicron and the potential implications for school. There appears to be very limited information about this variant at present. We are also experiencing a rising number of cases in school amongst staff and children.

Consequently, we need to continue to be vigilant and wear masks if we cannot socially distance, within communal areas of the school and outside the school gate. We continue to ask those displaying symptoms to await the results of a PCR test before coming to school. Results from PCR tests should be emailed to info@st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk. **Those who test positive should isolate for 10 days.**

Breakfast Club and After School Club will be cancelled, effective immediately. I am sorry for the disruption this will cause some parents but it is necessary to restrict bubble mixing.

We will continue to

- limit mixing across the school where possible
- return to the face coverings policy that was in place at the start of the year
- restrict the number of visitors coming into school
- re-emphasising to parents and staff the need for vigilance when it comes to covid symptoms and regular testing where appropriate.

The DfE continues to provide advice and the most recent is available here.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-sets-out-new-measures-as-omicron-variant-identified-in-uk-27-november-2021?utm_source=28%20November%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Yours sincerely

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