

Elite Safety in Education

COVID 19 – Bulletin

Please be advised of recent Government guideline changes regarding the COVID 19 – Omicron Variance as follows:

- **Transport** - Children and young people aged 11 and over, unless they are exempt, should wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated transport to and from educational settings.
- **Children**, young people and adults should follow United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) on when to self-isolate and what to do.
- **Face coverings** are recommended to be worn by staff, visitors and year 7 pupils and above around the premises, in corridors and communal areas, unless exempt. They do not need to be worn in classrooms.
- **No pupil** should be denied education if they are not wearing a face covering. Face coverings do not need to be worn outdoors
- **Schools** will follow the director of United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) advice in cases of local outbreak.
- **New variance** of concern - All individuals who have 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 directly and required to self-isolate immediately and asked to book a PCR test. They will be informed by the local health protection team or NHS Test and Trace if they fall into this category and provided details about self-isolation.
- **Travel & Quarantine** - All travellers arriving in to the UK will need to isolate and get a PCR test by 'day two' after arrival. They may end their isolation once they receive a negative result. If the result is positive, they should continue to isolate and follow rules on isolation following a positive test. Unvaccinated arrivals aged over 18 will follow the existing, more onerous, testing and isolation regime.
All Red list arrivals will enter quarantine.
- **Educational Visits** - Consider whether to go ahead with planned international educational visits at this time, recognising the need to isolate and test on arrival back into the UK.
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- **Performances** - Consider carrying out performances on Zoom where possible. If it is not possible, limit the number of attendees (one parent per child, year groups etc.) Audience to be socially distanced and wear face masks throughout the performance. Keep venue well ventilated.

Hand sanitiser to be available and parents actively encouraged to use.
Frequent cleaning of touch points.
Encourage parents to carry out a Lateral Flow Test before attending.

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