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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

As we move into the final two weeks of term it is important that all students follow our Covid 19 procedures and avoid at all costs having to self-isolate over the Christmas period.

We have had a week allowing students to get used to having to wear masks on corridors and communal areas and have given out masks to students who have forgotten or lost theirs. From **Monday 6th December** any student on the corridor or a communal area without a mask will be issued with a **written warning**. We also expect all students to have their own mask from this date too. Masks can be purchased from the school for **50p if they are needed**.

Students travelling to school by bus are required to wear a mask please speak to your child about the importance of doing so.

Students who are exempt from wearing a mask need a medical certificate. If they are exempt, they need to wear a green lanyard which indicates to staff that they are not to be challenged.

The following information has just been sent through from the local authority:

After agreement with the Schools Pandemic Support Officers and the East Riding Public Health team, if someone in a household has tested positive for COVID-19 (on LFD or PCR), pupils are advised to stay at home. If they develop symptoms, they should get a PCR test straight away. If they don't have symptoms, they should get a PCR test 3-5 days after their household member started with symptoms (or took their test if they had no symptoms.) If this test is negative, the pupil can return to school but must stay at home and arrange another test if they go on to develop symptoms.

Some children are exempt from this advice:

- 12-18-year-olds who have had at least one dose of the vaccine more than 14 days ago.
- Any child aged between 5 - 18 who has tested positive for COVID-19 via a PCR test within the past 90 days.



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- *Parents/carers who still want their child to continue to attend school have the right to do so. We do hope that most families will understand why they are being asked to do this and will feel able to keep their child at home for a short period, especially as at least one other household member will be at home self-isolating after testing positive.*

Lateral Flow Testing

Please continue to LFD test your child on a Thursday and Sunday to minimise the spread of Covid 19 in school.

Finally, our high expectations in our last two weeks of term remain the same. We expect outstanding behaviour and attitudes at all times, I would be grateful if you could gently remind your child of this.

Take care and keep safe.

Loz Wilson
Headteacher

