

4 January 2022



**Holderness Academy**  
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have enjoyed a good Christmas break and I wish you all a Happy New Year.

**As you may be aware, the Government has updated the guidance for schools and is advising that face coverings are now worn in all secondary classrooms as well as communal areas and corridors.**

**This guidance also includes travelling on public transport and any dedicated transport to and from school.**

This is a temporary reintroduction and will be reviewed on 26 January 2022.

This measure has been taken to reduce the transmission of the Omicron variant and to minimise further disruption to education and GCSE/A-Level examinations this summer.

We are aware of the drawbacks of face coverings being worn in classrooms but it is absolutely essential that everything possible is done to ensure children remain in school and face to face education continues.

**We would be grateful if parents and carers could ensure that their child arrives to school each day with a face covering and re-iterate the importance of wearing one on school transport.**

This guidance does not apply to children who are exempt from wearing face coverings and have a medical exemption note. We would encourage these students to have their exemption cards so that staff are aware.

Another key change to the guidance is the self-isolation period for students who have tested positive for Covid-19. Students may conduct an LFD test on day 6 and day 7 and if both tests are negative, they may return to school if they are symptom-free.

We are advising all students to conduct an LFD test prior to returning to school on Wednesday followed by the continuation of twice weekly testing thereafter. As per previous correspondence, on site testing will take place on Wednesday for those requesting one.

### **Year 11 Parents' Evening**

This event will continue as planned and will be an online/virtual event.

We are currently reviewing our calendar of events for this term and I will update you further in the coming days.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Wilson'.

Scott Wilson  
Headteacher

Explorer • Scholar • Leader • Collaborator

