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Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year. I hope you and your family are safe and well.

We are looking forward to welcoming back our students on Wednesday 5th January 2022. Tutor time starts at 8.30am. students should enter through their year group entry gate.

Facemasks must be worn by all students in buildings and classrooms:

You will be aware that the Government has instructed all secondary school students to wear a facemask while in class as well as in communal areas to help tackle the spread of the Omicron COVID variant. On Wednesday your child should return to school with their own face covering unless they are medically exempt.

If you have previously contacted the school to prove that your child is medically exempt and cannot wear a facemask, then they will need to renew their medical exemption sticker when they see their pastoral manager at the school gate.

We understand that not everyone can wear a facemask and if your child is newly medically exempt, they should see their pastoral manager on the gate as they enter school.

We have a limited supply of spare masks that we will be ensuring students wear in class. Teachers were already wearing facemasks at the end of the autumn term unless they were teaching.

Lateral Flow testing

Please do ensure your child has taken a Lateral Flow Test before returning to school and it is negative. Remember, all results should be reported to the NHS, even if your result is negative or void.

Remote Learning:

Should your child have a Covid related absence from school, but is well enough to learn, they can access their learning (by following their timetable) via class charts and by using the home learning booklets for each subject which can be found on the school website. Should you require paper copies of these please do email office@bridlingtonschool.org.uk

Staff Absence:

Our staff are also being significantly impacted by the need to self-isolate. I want to reassure you that we believe the best place for your child is to be in school and will do all we can to remain open to all year



groups however, should staffing levels fall to such a level that does not allow us to open safely we will have to consider moving some students onto home learning. To re-iterate this would be an absolute last resort.

Covid-19 Symptoms:

Remember you must not send your child to school if they have a positive lateral flow test or are showing symptoms of Covid-19 which are:

- A new and continuous cough
- High Temperature
- Loss or change in sense of taste or smell

You should contact the school, your child should self-isolate and you should book a PCR test.

We recognise that in our current context where there can be variations of who should / should not self-isolate is complex and making the right decision for your child in terms of their attendance is challenging. As ever we are keen to support you so if you are unsure or need some advice please do telephone the school on 01262 672593 or email office@bridlingtonschool.org.uk and we will do all we can to help.

Finally thanks again for all your support in helping us limit the transmission of Covid-19 and allow students to maximise their attendance at school.

Yours sincerely,



Kate Parker-Randall
Headteacher

