



Tuesday 4 January 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas and new year break.

I am writing to update you on several issues relating to Penkridge Middle School.

Covid-19

As you will be aware, the Omicron variant is resulting in significantly increased numbers of cases of Covid-19 across the country. We are following national government guidance and regulations to mitigate against this in school. This includes: -

- Masks to be worn in school and in classrooms by pupils in year 7 & 8 until at least 26th January (unless your child has an exemption). Younger children can wear a mask at any time, but this is not compulsory or expected
- Please keep face to face visits to school to a minimum by using other forms of communication where possible
- Pupils and staff will continue to observe other measures such as regular handwashing/sanitising and ensuring adequate ventilation in school buildings
- If your child has any Covid symptoms, please keep them at home and book a PCR test immediately
- Year 7 & 8 have been able to be tested today in school and should continue to carry out Lateral Flow Tests twice a week at home

We are very aware and regret that this latest increase in Covid infections may cause some changes to normal school routines or activities, but we will endeavour to minimise this disruption and, where appropriate, communicate these to you. We will also update you with any changes to the running of the school or if the government regulations change.

With regards to vaccinations of those pupils who are 12 and over, we will let you know if there are additional opportunities for your child to receive this in school once the government has provided this information to us. Vaccinations can also be accessed outside of school via the NHS directly.

Building work

You may be aware that there is some building work happening onsite. This essential work is to refurbish the roof of the building. Again, this may result in some minor changes to school routines and activities.

Acting headteacher

The headteacher, Mrs Frost, will be away from school during January. As Chief Executive Officer of Penk Valley Academy Trust, to which Penkridge Middle School belongs, I will be the acting headteacher of the school during this period.

Thank you for your ongoing support for the school.

Yours sincerely

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