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**Biddick**  
Academy

4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a pleasant break over the holiday period; we are looking forward to welcoming your son/daughter back to school in the morning.

In light of the government announcement on Sunday 2nd January, please be advised that your child should **wear a face mask in both communal areas of the Academy and classrooms, plus when travelling on public/school transport.**

The Department for Education have introduced this measure in order to minimise disruption to attendance resulting from the Omicron variant. The DfE are due to review the wearing of face masks at school on 26th January 2022.

**Please ensure that your child is equipped with a face mask every day** (for students who are exempt the usual request to wear an exemption lanyard remains).

There has been a lot of press coverage of the anticipated disruption to staffing in schools owing to the high infection rates at present. Please be assured that we will be taking every action to minimise the impact of this latest wave of Covid on your child's learning. I would ask all parents and carers to support us by ensuring your child tests twice a week using Lateral Flow Tests. If your child has any Covid symptoms, they should not attend school and book a PCR test.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Morris', written in a cursive style.

Miss K. Morris  
Headteacher