



# BENTON PARK SCHOOL

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29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing following the recent government announcement regarding the use of face coverings to support with the management of the Omicron variant.

As a precautionary measure, the Department of Education have instructed schools to re-introduce the use of face coverings for staff and students in all communal areas, with the exception of those students who are exempt.

Students in Years 8 to 13 who are exempt should still have badges to be clearly worn on their blazer to signal to staff that they are not required to wear face coverings. For Year 7 students who are exempt, please could we ask parents/carers to add a signed note to their child's planner detailing the reason for the exemption. Form tutors will then support students to obtain a badge which can be worn at all times to signal the exemption.

We recommend that your child brings at least one spare face covering to school each day and that they are used carefully in line with World Health Organisation (WHO) guidance to avoid cross contamination. This includes using them to cover face and nose, sanitising or washing hands after touching face coverings, replacing face coverings when damp and storing them or disposing of them appropriately after use.

We are aware that families may need a few days to source face coverings and to support with this, we have a supply in school which can be used in the short term if required.

By way of a reminder, face coverings must continue to be worn on public transport including school buses.

Thank you for your continued support with these measures. Should you have any questions please email [secretary@bentonpark.net](mailto:secretary@bentonpark.net)

Yours sincerely

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