



# Wykhampark Academy Banbury

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to everyone who helped make the first few days back of the spring term very successful. The testing went very smoothly and students returned to school smartly dressed and eager to learn.

We know that many of your children are feeling extremely anxious about the situation with the Omicron variant. We have everything in place at school to ensure that we are minimising the risk to all members of the community: ventilation in all spaces; wearing face coverings indoors at all times; reminders to sanitise etc.

Please note the new advice that has been given from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022:

If you don't have symptoms and you test positive on a LFT you need to isolate but you don't need to wait for a PCR.

If you do have symptoms and you test positive on a LFT you need to isolate **AND** get a PCR. Please take a photograph of the LFT and send it to your child's mentor if they test positive.

Please make sure that you get your children **tested twice a week** with a LFT provided by school, so that we can continue to minimise the number of positive cases on the campus.

We will update you if we get further advice from the DfE. The situation seems extremely dynamic at the moment and the media is full of speculation about the next raft of changes.

In the meantime we will continue to work hard to minimise the inevitable disruption to learning due to staff having to self isolate or falling ill with Covid. You may find that we have to double/treble up classes in the LLT as there is a limited number of supply staff available from the agencies again as was the case before Christmas.

## Staffing updates

We welcome Mr Allen onto the middle leadership team as Head of DT and Art.

We also celebrate internal promotions for:

Mr McLeish and Mr Colville who join the senior leadership team as Associate Assistant Principals.

Miss Pomfrett who will be working on Student Leadership



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Mr Bowen who takes on a new role as KS3 pastoral lead at Futures Institute

Mrs Kinsella who has become attendance co-ordinator for Year 11

Mrs White who joins the ATL delivery team

And finally ....

We say a massive congratulations to Ms Hetherington who has been awarded her doctorate and becomes Dr Hetherington. An amazing achievement – six years of study whilst working full time as Vice Principal for our campus.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Thomas'.

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