

Dear Parents,

I am writing with a brief update as we approach the end of term. I said in my letter last week that we have been pleased with how the term has gone in terms of COVID 19 cases and our ability to undertake most of our normal activities.

Unfortunately, the last few days have seen a number of positive cases connected to the school community. These have been concentrated in the Juniors and in support staff at Senior School. The relevant parents have been sent the 'Warn and Inform' letter and I would ask for parents' support in taking their children for PCR tests when they receive this, rather than relying on lateral flow tests.

Sadly this has led to us having to cancel our in-person Juniors Christmas Concert this evening. I am very sorry about this, as a Juniors parent I can understand the disappointment of children and parents at this. As I write this the children are currently recording their performances which I hope families will enjoy watching over Christmas. We have also decided to postpone our presentation evening for last year's Year 13 to receive their A Level certificates on Thursday.

For the remaining days of term we are limiting visits to school to those which are essential only. If parents do need to come into school we would ask that they undertake a lateral flow test before doing so.

Parents may also have seen the recent change which has been announced by the government with regards to Omicron variant cases of the virus. From today the rules on this have changed and are as follows:

*All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating.*

From the school's point of view this should limit any disruption to young people's education.

Finally, can I remind parents of the slightly changed arrangements for the start of the spring term which I outlined in my last letter of 9th December, which can be read [here](#).

I will be in touch again at the end of term.

Your sincerely,

CJD Mairs  
Principal