

CWA/LDA/GHA

30 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

## Re: The Latest COVID-19 Protocols

In light of COVID-19 matters escalating once again over the weekend with the manifestation of the Omicron variant, despite this, from a Plume Academy perspective, very little has changed due to us maintaining all of the various mitigations throughout the pandemic period to date. This does of course include the main topic of the weekend's school-related media discussion, face coverings, which continue to be worn on the corridors, whilst lining up for break and lunch, on school buses and public transport and if a student or staff member so wish, in classroom settings.

This mitigation and all of the long-established others will be maintained moving forward and until the ongoing risks posed by COVID-19 significantly reduce. However, there are two points I wish to refer to that have also been updated over the course of the weekend:

- **Close contact tracing** – this remains with the respective NHS teams to conduct, including tracing the close contacts of an Omicron case. Therefore, if at some point moving forward you are contacted by the NHS contact tracing teams, please adhere to the advice they provide, especially if it relates to the new variant as the self-isolation protocols relating to this are more extensive.
- **Foreign travel** – please note the very latest input received yesterday:

*'The legal restrictions on foreign travel were eased from May 17<sup>th</sup>, and the traffic light system has subsequently been removed although there is still a "red list".'*

***The situation on foreign travel is changing daily, however, and the advice below is current as of Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November.***

*Vaccinated and unvaccinated adults returning from a red list country must isolate in a quarantine hotel for 10 days.*

*Those returning from all other countries who are fully vaccinated at least 14 days before arrival in England, **will need to take a PCR Covid test 2 days after entering the country and isolate until they have the result. These measures come into force WB 29<sup>th</sup> Nov , initially for 3 weeks.** Individuals must follow Government guidance if the test is positive or unclear. [Travel to England from another country during coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19)*

*Unvaccinated adults must isolate for 10 days and take a Covid test on day 2 and day 8 after arrival. If a test is positive they must follow the Government guidance above. They may be able to end isolation early through the test and release scheme.*

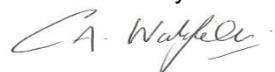
***NB - It is also quite clear that countries may move into the red category at short notice.'***

Earlier this morning, we also received a communication from the NHS Immunisation Service relating to **12-17-year-olds COVID-19 vaccinations**. As you will see from the letter which you can access [here](#), this provides further information about opportunities to vaccinate your child if this has not occurred already.

All other COVID-19 matters relating to positive LFDs, self-isolating and booking a PCR when any of the main symptoms manifest, as well as contacting the academy to make us aware of any positive LFD or PCR outcomes remain exactly the same.

Thank you for taking the time to read this further update as well as your hugely important ongoing support which remains greatly appreciated. That of your children, our students, too of course as despite having to adhere to such requests and having their education impacted by COVID-19 for some 20 months now, they continue to adhere to what is requested of them on a daily basis, mitigations-wise, very well indeed.

Yours sincerely



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