

# BRONTË HOUSE SCHOOL

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5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents,

A very happy new year to all Brontë families; I hope that everyone has enjoyed a peaceful Christmas break and that the children are refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

Since the end of the previous term, Omicron certainly seems to have taken off, both at national and local level. Whilst staffing levels at this time remain good, we feel it necessary to introduce some temporary measures to further protect our school community and ensure that classrooms remain open and children in school.

With immediate effect, the following controls will be introduced and reviewed at the end of January:

- Masks must be worn at all times when dropping off and collecting children from school.
- As far as possible, please refrain from approaching the Office in person and email or telephone instead.
- Friday Awards Assembly will continue, though parents will not be able to attend at this time.

Please be reassured that normal classroom practice will continue, including specialist teaching groups. Teaching staff will carefully review planned activities and may make minor changes to ensure they are 'Covid-friendly', and that risk of transmission is limited. The Games and the Co-curricular programme remain unchanged and individual music lessons will continue. If the situation within school changes, it may be necessary to make amendments to normal timetable arrangements at short notice and we will endeavour to keep parents informed.

If children present as generally unwell within school, it may be deemed necessary to ask parents to collect them and we would ask for your support in seeking advice and undertaking any appropriate testing. Decisions of this nature are not made lightly, and children are usually monitored over a period of time with agreement sought from a number of school staff before parents are contacted. We apologise for any inconvenience caused whilst we work hard to continue to protect our school community.

The latest guidance on isolation requirements may be [accessed here](#) and we ask that all parents read this carefully and observe the recommendations detailed.

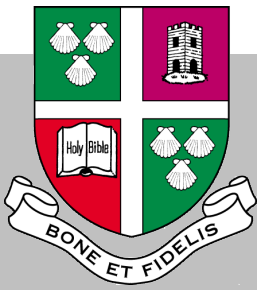
Co-curricular activities begin with immediate effect this afternoon. As previously communicated, outside sports activities such as Rugby and Cross Country will begin week commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January, when the days become a little longer and the light allows. Parents of children due to attend

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these clubs may prefer to collect them at the end of the day for the next few weeks, or children may attend Early Prep.

Can I please remind parents that children must be in school for registration at 8:25am; the front door will close at this point. The first lesson of the day commences at 8:30am so persistent lateness will have an impact on children's ability to start the day in a calm and timely manner.

Parents' Evenings will be held over a fortnight, from week commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February. At this stage, it is thought that meetings will revert to either telephone or Zoom consultations, though this will be reviewed in the coming weeks.

Our half-termly Continuous Professional Development session for staff will take place on Thursday 20th January and all Co-curricular clubs run by school staff will be suspended for the evening, though After-School Care remains unaffected. A further reminder of this will be issued nearer the time.

With very best wishes for the term ahead,

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