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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Covid Update- January

First and foremost I hope you have all had a wonderful and relaxing holiday. We are looking forward to welcoming all Primary students back to Atlantic Academy on **Wednesday 5th January** for an exciting Spring term.

I'm sure you will be aware from the press that there have been a number of updates from the Department of Education in line with current COVID-19 guidance over the past 48 hours.

Face Masks

Primary students will not be required to wear face masks in school. Any visitors to the school and staff in communal areas will continue to wear face masks whilst moving around the school. We continue to ask any parents, or visitors to our site to wear a face mask when having face to face conversations with any member of staff.

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

From 14 December 2021, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are required to take a Lateral Flow Test every day for 7 days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result.

If any student receives a positive COVID-19 test result please continue to report this [through our website contact form](#) to ensure we are informed and can take appropriate actions.

Isolating following a Positive PCR test

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 8.

We will continue to update you with any changes to the guidance released from the Department for Education as we receive them and appreciate your support, as ever, concerning the developing situation we are all working within.

We look forward to seeing our Atlantic community on Wednesday 5th January.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miss Heppell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miss Heppell

Principal - Atlantic Academy Primary