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Dear parents and carers

The government announced yesterday afternoon that, in light of the new "Omicron" variant, staff and students are expected to wear face coverings on public transport in communal areas again. We would therefore appreciate your support in making sure children bring face coverings to school with them and wear them at the relevant times from **tomorrow (Tuesday)**. They will not need to wear them in classrooms or outside, but will otherwise be expected to wear them on buses and inside the school buildings at all times. If your child is exempt from wearing a face covering and you have not already made school aware of that, please email <u>amogey@lymmhigh.org.uk</u>. The government has said it will review the situation in three weeks' time, which means this will be in place until Christmas at least.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind you of one or two other key points:

- Students should still be taking lateral flow tests twice weekly (on Wednesdays and Sundays). This is a
 very important measure in helping to identify asymptomatic cases and keep these out of the school
 environment where they could spread it to others.
- Anybody displaying COVID symptoms at any point should self-isolate and seek a PCR test.
- If there is a positive case within the household, students should take an LFD test for *each day* of the isolation period of the household case.

At this stage there are no further updates to the guidance and so, unless you hear otherwise, you can assume everything else in school can continue as normal.

Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support.

Kind regards

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