



Ursuline
High School
WIMBLEDON

Voluntary Aided 11-18 Roman Catholic School for Girls
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Dear Parents/Carers

The Prime Minister announced on 27 November the temporary introduction of new measures as a result of the Omicron variant, including updated guidance for schools.

Face coverings

- Face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors, and students unless they are exempt.
- Students should continue to wear face coverings on public transport, unless they are exempt
- Students should provide their own clean face covering for each day of school.

Tracing close contacts and isolation

- Close contacts in schools continue to be identified by NHS Test and Trace. Schools are not tasked with identifying or informing close contacts.
- Young people who have been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 **should continue to attend school as normal.**
- If applicable, close contacts will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed and advised to take a PCR test. We strongly encourage all individuals to follow this advice.

Omicron Variant: changes to isolation rules

- **Any suspected or confirmed close contacts of the Omicron variant will be asked to isolate for 10 days regardless of vaccination status or age. You will be contacted directly and told to isolate.**
- The school will provide access to online learning for those students who are self-isolating as a close contact only

Twice-Weekly home testing

Your daughter has been provided with lateral-flow tests and **should be testing twice a week** (we recommend Sunday and Wednesday evenings).

- If the result is negative, then no action is required, and your daughter can continue to attend school as normal.
- If the test is positive, then you must take your daughter for a PCR test immediately. Your daughter must self-isolate until the result of this PCR test has been returned.

Results of any lateral-flow or PCR tests should be shared with the school using the link on the parents page on the school website <https://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/parents/home-swab/>

Vaccinations

Vaccinations remain available for 12-15 year olds, please use the following links to find out more:

Crescent Road
Wimbledon
London SW20 8HA

Tel: 020 8255 2688
Fax: 020 8255 2687
Visitors' Entrance: The Downs

Website: www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
Email: enquiries@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
Twitter: @UrsulineHighSch



<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/book-or-manage-a-1st-or-2nd-dose-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination/>

<https://swlondonccg.nhs.uk/covid/where-can-you-get-vaccinated/>

These guidelines remain subject to change as the situation develops. Thank you for your assistance in keeping all members of the school community safe.

Yours faithfully



Tom Glavina
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