



# The Sutton Academy

Together Students Achieve

Principal: Mr Paul Willerton

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Dear Parent/Carer

Many of you will have seen the Government announcement on 27 November 2021 regarding the Omicron variant. The Department for Education released further guidance on Sunday 28 November. The new measures included wearing of masks in communal areas on school sites. The academy had already taken this step, meaning no new measures are required at this time.

The Department for Education have informed schools that all students should attend the academy for an on-site Lateral Flow Test before returning to lessons after the Christmas break. This will take place from Tuesday 4 January. This will be similar to the measures taken when we returned to the academy in September.

Due to the volume of students at secondary schools, the Department for Education have allowed for a staggered return to enable testing to take place. As the capacity of the testing centre at the academy being quite large, we are hopeful that that this will be minimal. More details of this will be sent out at a later date.

The following [LINK](#) takes you directly to the consent form. It only needs to be completed once per student.

If you **do not wish** to give consent, please still complete the form selecting 'consent not given'. This will enable us to only contact those parents who haven't yet given consent, rather than those who do not give consent. Please complete this as soon as possible, by Friday 10 December at the latest, so that the academy can start making plans for the students to return in January.

You are advised not to take a Lateral Flow Test within 90 days of having Covid-19. **Therefore, if your child has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 90 days, please complete the consent form and register consent not given.**

Any queries at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully



Mr P Willerton  
Principal

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