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Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid Measures in Bradgate Education Partnership Schools

As you are no doubt aware, the recent identification of the Omicron variant has led to the government re-introducing facemasks to public transport and retail. In schools we have also been issued with new guidance from the government requiring us to re-consider our plans for the next three weeks.

Our changes are entirely aimed at a safe, proportional and rapid response to the latest concerns with the Omicron variant and due to a significantly increasing amount of Covid cases across the Trust.

We are proposing the following additional measures (alongside our current procedures) with immediate effect for the next three weeks leading up to Christmas:

- Face masks to be worn by all adults for movement around our buildings and in communal areas – but not classrooms.
Please email the appropriate Head of Year to inform staff of any exemptions to mask wearing.
- Re-introduction of face masks for secondary students in corridors/communal areas
- Visitors and face-to-face meetings moved online where possible
- Christmas events (fairs / concerts) will have to be reviewed due to the increased risk with the latest variant and an increase in Covid cases across the Trust. Whilst these events may be able to go ahead in some capacity regrettably they will not be open to visitors or spectators.

We feel these measures are proactive and proportional to the latest government advice and we hope these actions will help keep pupils, staff and communities safe as we move towards the festive period. We also know that some of these measures will come as a disappointment to many of you and we would like to stress that we have not taken these decisions lightly.

We ask that you please respect these measures as you have previously done. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
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Trust CEO

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Director of Schools