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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure you are now all aware that the Government approach to the wearing of masks in school is changing. They opted for a two-step approach; from Thursday they were no longer required in classrooms, then from Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January, they will no longer be required in circulation areas.

All schools have a responsibility to contingency plan should infection rates rise again, however for now masks can be put to one side. Other mitigations will remain in place, including the need for regular hand sanitisation and ventilation.

## Governor Vacancies

The Governing Body have a number of vacancies for parent, community and foundation governors. I have attached a separate letter from Marc Evans, Chair of Governors, detailing the positions.

## Vaccinations for 12-15 Year Olds

The JCVI and Government have agreed that children aged 12-15 years old can now receive a second dose of COVID-19 vaccination through the school age immunisation service.

The immunisation team will deliver this second dose in school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

This time the Immunisation Team are planning to use e-consent, as they do for the other vaccinations in the school age immunisation programme. Details of this, including the e-consent form, can be found [here](#) on the website.

The Team would like to pass on their thanks for the support parents gave for the first dose of the vaccine and also to those who have already completed the consent form for the second dose. However, they report that only 220 students have signed up for a second dose. The first dose was received by over 700 students.

If your child has turned 12 since the first round of vaccinations, they can now receive their first jab. Please follow [this link](#) for more information.

Parents only need to submit 1 form per child. If an error is made when completing a form please contact the Immunisation Team to correct the error, rather than submit another form. Should parents not know their child's NHS number they can use this link to find it: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/online-services/find-nhs-number/>

The completion date for all consent forms is 10.00am on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Careers Update**

Year 10 students had their first Professional day on Tuesday. Following on from that, Mrs McQuiston will be delivering CV writing workshops in their Careers lessons.

The deadline for completion of the CV is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February. This will then be submitted to the Careers Team and will be used in the mock interviews later in the year. If you (and parents of children from other years) have any questions about Careers, please contact Mrs McQuiston – [a.mcquiston@oaklandscatholicschool.org](mailto:a.mcquiston@oaklandscatholicschool.org)

## **Behaviour in School**

This week I have had to manage a number of issues between students where the matter originated outside of school, on social media, when children are the responsibility of parents. Social media, in some form, is part of most individual lives, irrespective of age. If your child brings something to your attention that may have an impact on school, then we need to hear as soon as possible.

Challenging conversations about social media with teenagers can be difficult, however early intervention can obviate a more demanding conversation about exclusion from school. Please get in touch with us if you have concerns about your child use of social media.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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**Headteacher**