



**PEMBROKE**  
A PRIORY ACADEMY

10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware, cases of COVID are rising in the country again. This has led to the government introducing further measures to help control the spread of the virus. One of the recommendations is the wearing of masks in school corridors and communal areas.

I am writing to gather your support with pupils wearing of masks in school. Please can you speak to your child and remind them about the importance of wearing a mask in the corridors and indoor communal areas. Everyone needs to do their bit to stop the spread of the virus.

We really do not want to see families isolating over the Christmas break. Research is showing that the wearing of masks does make a difference. It can reduce transmission by a considerable amount, more so than social distancing.

Sadly, we are seeing cases increase in school in many different classes. Our worry is that if it continues to spread in the school, it may well spread to home and start to affect how we are able to enjoy Christmas. Please can we ask for your support in getting students to wear masks in school in order that we can all enjoy our Christmas plans without the need to isolate.

The government are asking schools to set up a testing centre next module. We are planning to repeat the system we did in September in the sports hall. Our testing day will be Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Consent letters and further information will be sent to you next week. This will mean that students will formally start back on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January (if a negative LFD is produced on the 5<sup>th</sup>).

We want everyone to be able to enjoy themselves over the festive period and to achieve this we need your support please. As ever, we thank you for your on-going support.

Yours faithfully

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