

Dear Parents and Carers,

In light of recent announcements from Government in relation to the emergence of a Covid-19 variant 'Omicron', I thought it would be useful to share with you schools plans.

School Day

From Tuesday 30th November we are advising that pupils wear face coverings in communal areas of school. For example, when walking along corridors. Pupils will not be asked to wear masks in class or during lunch break. School is also advising that pupils wear masks if they travel by taxi to and from school. We will continue to maintain a more frequent cleaning schedule, enhanced ventilation, staggered break and lunch times, a one-way system around school and key messages of hand hygiene.

School Events

Last Tuesday school held its first 'Family Fun Night' of the year. Thank you to those families who had the opportunity to attend. I had taken the decision to restrict numbers for this first event in order to test the protocols in place to keep everyone safe. Apologies if some of you were unable to attend due to the restriction on numbers on this occasion. The plan going forward is to allow more families the opportunity to attend future events:

Christmas Fair Wednesday 1st December 2021, 1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.

We are so happy to still be holding the Christmas Fair open to parents and carers of our current students at Greenbank School. We are asking, as usual for school events now, for you to follow these simple guidelines to continue to keep our school community safe:

- Please complete a LFD test before coming to the fair and only attend if this is negative.
- Please wear a mask while walking around the school fair, removing your mask only when seated in the Sixth Form dining area.
- Please do not attend if you have any symptoms or feel unwell.
- Please maintain social distancing where possible and ensure you wash and sanitise your hands regularly.

We will also be adhering to the above, and the students will be attending in key stage groups, however you can stay for the entire fair.

- Key Stage 3 – 1.00p.m. – 1.30 p.m.
- Key Stage 4 – 1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.
- Key Stage 5 – 2.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

If you wish to take your child home at the end of the fair, they should leave no earlier that 2.30p.m. and this needs to be communicated to the school office, the class teacher and transport in advance of the fair.

We have had replies from 37 people to say they are in attendance, so if you have not yet replied, please can you let school, myself or Stefan Yarwood (syarwood@greenbank.cheshire.sch.uk) know.

Many thanks,

Mrs Langford (Deputy Head Teacher) and the Sixth Form Team

Headteacher: Mr M. McCann

**Christmas Carol Concert at St. John's Church, Hartford
Monday 13th December, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

At this moment in time St John's is able to welcome us. Hand gel will be made available. There is no requirement to wear a face mask.

As the weekend has demonstrated, events can change quickly so it may be necessary for school to revise its plans at short notice. The principle drive for any change in plans is to keep everyone as safe as possible as we head into the Christmas period. Any changes that do take place will be shared with you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr McCann
Headteacher**