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Dear Parent / Carer

You may have seen from the media that the Island is expected to have difficult weeks ahead due to managing the spread and consequences of Covid.

Schools are implementing the Department of Education, Sport and Culture's escalated contingency plan. This means that, for the time being:

1. There will be no interschool sport or other interschool activities
2. Face to face attendance at collaboration lessons at other schools/UCM can only continue if students wear a face covering when away from their home school. This is to try to mitigate any cross-school transmission risk.
3. Continuing extra-curricular activities will be subject to mitigations – Hands, Space, Face and Fresh Air.
4. There will be no internal larger school gatherings, including Key Stage assemblies

Staffing remains challenging and it is possible that some classes may be combined or that, as a last resort, we will send year groups home, supported through remote learning.

Please encourage your son/daughter to take regular lateral flow tests. If these are positive, or if they have any covid-like symptoms, please advise school of their absence and ensure they remain at home until they have returned two negative lateral flow test results, taken at least 24 hours apart.

Our other mitigations continue. Face coverings are expected in school and are mandatory on school buses. Regular hand washing is advised. Opening windows in the winter is important but means the temperature in classrooms will drop. Students may wear sensible warmer items along with their school uniform until further notice. These may include dark leggings and plain, thicker jumpers. No denim or more casual items, please. Students can wear their coats in class if they wish to.

We will remain in touch as circumstances develop. Please check your messages frequently.

My very best wishes for the New Year.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher