

Dear Parent or Guardian

As we approach the holiday period, the Principals of the Omagh Learning Community would like to wish you a peaceful and healthy holiday.

We are very aware that this is a worrying time for everyone and particularly for students who may be preparing for their exams in January. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to ensure the safety of all our students and staff, and with this in mind, we are writing to remind you of some simple steps your family can take to maintain their safety.

1. Do not send your son or daughter to school if he/she displays any of the COVID-19 symptoms which are:
  - A high temperature, which means your son or daughter feels hot to touch on their chest or back.
  - A new, continuous cough.
  - A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste.

If a member of your family starts to display one or more of the COVID-19 symptoms he/she should arrange for a test and remain isolated until the result of the test has been received. Then follow any guidance provided by the Public Health Agency (PHA). Further information is available at:

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/>

2. Wash hands regularly throughout the day.
3. Wear a face covering. Following a decision made by the Executive, **it is now mandatory** for all students of post primary age to wear a face covering when travelling on all public transport and school transport. Some students may be exempt. Further information can be found at:  
<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-face-coverings#toc-5>
4. Make space by maintaining 2 metres between adults and 2 metres between adults and children.
5. If a member of your family is identified as a close contact, he or she must follow the advice of the Public Health Agency (PHA). From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December self-isolation will end at day 10.
6. Continue to monitor the website, the social media pages and text messages of your son or daughter's school for further updates especially over the holiday periods as circumstances may dictate changes to current school arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support to help keep our schools the safe environments necessary for the pupils and staff to continue with face to face Teaching and Learning.

Hopefully 2021 brings the changes we all wish to see.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Warnock, Dean Maguirc College  
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