



1 December 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students of The Ladies' College

I want to express my thanks at your vigilance and for sharing details about personal circumstances linked to Covid 19. I know that for some the illness has been very unpleasant, whilst for others who have been affected, the symptoms have been minimal. Either way, I hope that you are recovering and thank you for following Covid guidance, testing and for isolating to prevent the spread of the virus. It is appreciated.

Following the identification of the Omicron variant and the requirement for us to revisit our management of Covid, I am writing to advise of some decisions which I hope you will understand and support.

Face coverings

Thank you for meeting this Senior School requirement in the communal areas of College and in assemblies and to Melrose and Pre-Preparatory parents for wearing face coverings at drop off and pick up.

Classrooms

Doors and windows are open (where sensible to do so), to aid ventilation. Pupils and students are encouraged to wear additional layers under shirts/jumpers and tights or navy College trousers (Senior School). You will have heard that many of the States' schools have CO₂ monitors. These have been investigated and we were advised initially that their reliability was low. We now have a number of these, although we do not have one for every room. Smaller spaces will be prioritised, yet the natural ventilation provided by doors and windows should continue to be more than adequate.

Wiping desks

There is currently no requirement for this to happen generally, as we are cleaning with recommended fluid and touch surfaces are being cleaned once during the day. However, we have provided cleaning spray and cleaning fluid in all classrooms, offices and other areas.

Christmas Fair

The Senior School will follow the decision already taken at Melrose to cancel the Christmas Fair and consider, in due course, alternatives later in the academic year when an event might take place outside. We are asking pupils and students to bring in a tin on Thursday, 16 December and the Charities' Committee will ensure that these are delivered to a worthy cause before the end of term on Friday. And we will still make this Christmas Jumper Day at the Senior School!

Carol Services

These have been planned to make them internal events, during the College day. We are sorry that we are unable to invite all parents to join us, as we do know how special these are in our preparation for Christmas.

Mark Reading and House Drama (Senior School/Sixth Form)

These have been planned with current Covid measures in place for Year Groups and Key Stages. Unless there is a different directive, these will go ahead.

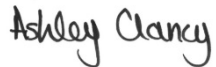
Overseas/out of Bailiwick educational trips

There is a clear island directive that none should be planned outside of the Bailiwick before 2022-2023.

With thanks for your patience, understanding and support. I will send the end of term update as usual in the last week of term.

Stay well, stay safe, stay in touch.

Yours sincerely



Ashley Clancy
Principal