

10 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you to outline details for your child's return to school in January. We are, once again, being directed to ensure that all pupils complete a Lateral Flow Test in school, upon their return. To enable this testing, we will be having a staggered start to the term.

### **Tuesday 4 January 2022**

This will be an additional Inset Day. This is necessary to enable Mr Gibbs, our new Interim Headteacher, to work with staff to reaffirm our priorities for the term.

In addition, Yr 11 pupils will be invited into school at the following times for Lateral Flow Testing:

10:30am - 11GR

11:20am - 11CE

12:00pm - 11CR

12:30pm - 11PH

Year 11 pupils do not need to wear school uniform on this day. Once pupils have been tested, they should leave the school site and return home.

### **Wednesday 5 January 2022**

Pupils in Years 7, 10 and 11 only should attend school. Pupils in Yrs 7 and 10 will be tested during the day but should stay in school for the whole day. Pupils in Yrs 8 and 9 should not attend school.

### **Thursday 6 January 2022**

All pupils should attend school. Pupils in Yrs 8 and 9 will be tested during the day but will stay in school for the whole day.

### **Further Covid Measures**

Pupils will be required to wear a face covering, unless they are exempt, on school buses and inside buildings including in classrooms. Please ensure that your child has a clean, washable face covering with them and that they understand their responsibility to wear it.

After the initial lateral flow test in school, we ask you to ensure that your child completes two tests each week at home. The test should take place three to four days apart. A routine of testing on Sunday and Wednesday is helpful to many families.

Finally, as we approach the end of term, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and understanding of the measures we have in place to reduce the risk posed by Covid-19.

With Best Wishes

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