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Return to school and on-site testing January 2022

January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family have enjoyed a restful break. I am writing to update you on the most recent DfE guidance and to remind you of the arrangements for the return of pupils this week.

I should like to remind you of the need for **pupils to self-test 24 hours prior to returning to school**. This will help to eliminate any positive cases entering the building. **All positive results should naturally be followed up by a PCR test and the result reported to the school.**

#### **Face Coverings**

New guidance from the DfE has been updated and now requires pupils to wear a face covering in **classrooms and in communal areas**. This measure will be reviewed on January 26<sup>th</sup> with the hope that our efforts will remove the need for the further use of masks. For those pupils with medical issues, where a covering cannot be worn, we ask that you ensure your child's tutor and/or learning coordinator is made aware. Your child may find it useful to wear a medical lanyard as this will prevent staff from giving reminders.

**To reduce the worrying environmental impact of disposable masks we ask that the break is used to source reusable face coverings.** These are still required on school and public transport.

#### **Return to School**

Pupils will return to school on the following days to allow for testing:

Date	Year Group	Entry Point
Tuesday January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11	Pupil Reception
Tuesday January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10	6 <sup>th</sup> Form gates
Wednesday January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7	Pupil Reception
Thursday January 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8	Pupil Reception
Friday January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9	Pupil Reception

**Pupils in Years 7-11 will remain at school once they have been tested.**

Due to the need to avoid close contact between pupils, the canteen facilities will not be available at break on each year group's day of return. With this in mind, it is important that your child attends, on their first day, with a snack and water until they can access the canteen at lunchtime.

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**Pupils in Years 12-14 are asked to attend for testing only. They will then return to school full-time from Thursday January 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Date	Year Group	Time	Entry Point
Tuesday January 4th	Year 13/14	1.30pm onwards	6 <sup>th</sup> Form gates
Wednesday January 5th	Year 12	1.30pm onwards	6 <sup>th</sup> Form gates

**The return dates remain the same for all pupils including those for whom we do not have consent for testing.**

**In the event of a positive test you will be contacted by the school and will be required to collect your child and arrange for a PCR test at a testing centre. Naturally, your child will not be permitted to travel home on school transport due to health and safety reasons.**

If your child is displaying Covid symptoms or is self-isolating, they should not return to site until such time as is suitable. Please do inform us if this is the case as this will ensure that we do not use Truancy Call unnecessarily.

School attendance continues to be mandatory and the school will record attendance and absences in line with the usual government requirements. If your child does not return on the date that has been allocated, the school will use Truancy Call unless we have been contacted.

#### **Arrival on site**

Staff will be on hand to support pupils upon their arrival to school. Pupils will work in allocated rooms from where they will be collected for their test. To allow them to be seated as safely as possible, they will work in small groups. Once all testing has been completed pupils will go to their timetabled lessons.

#### **Lesson Board**

Lessons for pupils who are not on site will be available on the school's VLE, Lesson Board, due to staff being involved in supporting the testing of pupils. Any issues accessing the VLE can be quickly resolved by contacting your child's Form Tutor or Learning Coordinator Team.

I should like to wish you and your family a happy and healthy 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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