



Ref: NCS/ssd
Friday, 17 December 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Re: Start of term arrangements

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well and ready for the holidays.

Following on from my letter on Tuesday, 7 December 2021, I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the return to school in January 2022.

In order to battle the spike in COVID 19 cases, schools will be offering COVID tests to all students before they return to lessons in January. Whilst these tests are not compulsory for a student to return to class, we do expect a large uptake of parents and carers wanting their child to take a COVID test in school. Therefore, in order to carry out the testing we will need to have a staggered start to next term.

- Tests will be available for Years 11, 12 and 13 from 8.20am on Tuesday, 4 January 2021 before returning to their lessons as usual on the same day.
- Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be offered tests from 12.30pm - 4.00pm on Tuesday, 4 January 2021. Lessons for these year groups will not begin until 8.40am on Wednesday, 5 January 2021.

Details of when each year group will be offered tests and return to lessons can be seen in the table below:

Tuesday, 4 January 2021		
Year	Times of testing	Return to lessons
7	12.30pm - 4.00pm	Wednesday, 5 January - 8.40am
8	12.30pm - 4.00pm	Wednesday, 5 January - 8.40am
9	12.30pm - 4.00pm	Wednesday, 5 January - 8.40am
10	12.30pm - 4.00pm	Wednesday, 5 January - 8.40am

11	8.20am onwards	Tuesday, 4 January - 8.40am
12	8.20am onwards	Tuesday, 4 January - 8.40am
13	8.20am onwards	Tuesday, 4 January - 8.40am

On site tests have to be booked in advance and can be done by clicking here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZU1M8_MyVqF0P8UodCm_o4WvurPp1nSc1dRsW31iXybEwGQ/viewform

Parents and carers who wish to test their child at home can do so using the LFT kits that students were sent home with this week. We ask that only positive cases are reported to the school via the absence line on Tuesday, 4 or Wednesday, 5 January 2022.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

I wish you all a safe but merry Christmas, an enjoyable holiday and a happy New Year.

Warmest regards



N Smith
Head of School