



Ref: NCS/ssd
Monday, 3 January 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Re: Start of term arrangements - update

I hope you all had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Following on from my letters in December, I am writing to remind parents and carers of the arrangements for the return to school this week.

In order to facilitate in school COVID testing for students, we will have a staggered start to in school lessons. Details of when each year group will be offered tests and returning to lessons can be seen in the table below:

| Tuesday 4th January | | |
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| Year | Times of testing | Return to lessons |
| 7 | 12.30pm - 4.00pm | Wednesday, 5th January - 8.40am |
| 8 | 12.30pm - 4.00pm | Wednesday, 5th January - 8.40am |
| 9 | 12.30pm - 4.00pm | Wednesday, 5th January - 8.40am |
| 10 | 12.30pm - 4.00pm | Wednesday, 5th January - 8.40am |
| 11 | 8.20am onwards | Tuesday, 4th January - 8.40am |
| 12 | 8.20am onwards | Tuesday, 4th January - 8.40am |
| 13 | 8.20am onwards | Tuesday, 4th January - 8.40am |

On site tests can be booked in advance by clicking here:

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

However, if you are unable to access our online booking system, we are happy to offer a walk in testing service in the times outlined above.

For students who are unable to have an in school test, we ask parents and carers to test their child at home using the Lateral Flow Test (LFT) kits that students were sent home with in the last week of term. We ask that only positive cases are reported to the school via the absence line on the 4th or 5th January. I would also like to use this opportunity to remind parents and carers that it is the expectation that all students carry out two LFT a week. We will send home new kits with the students on a regular basis. However, they can also be collected from reception between 8.30am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

Finally, as you will have undoubtedly seen on the news, updated HM Government guidance requires all staff and students who are not exempt to wear a face covering in classrooms and communal areas from tomorrow. Therefore, can you please make sure your child has a mask with them when they leave home in the morning. We have spare masks available in school but it is a limited supply.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

Warmest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Smith'.

N Smith
Head of School