

# THE PIGGOTT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students

Today sees the first tranche of onsite lateral flow device tests being completed, and we embark on the second tranche on Wednesday. The staff have been hard at work setting up for the new academic year and teaching online.

We are all eager to see the children for their onsite lessons which start on Thursday for Years 7 and 8, Friday for Years 9, 10 and 11, and Monday for the sixth form.

In the past week, the school has been informed of nearly thirty cases within our school community of COVID-19, both staff and students. This reiterates the benefits of regular testing to keep staff, children and their families safe.

From the start of onsite lessons, until the end of September in the first instance, pupils and staff will be asked to test at home twice per week.

Where there is a confirmed case of COVID-19, NHS Test and Trace now undertake any contact tracing rather than the school. You should inform the school if your child has developed COVID-19.

Children under the age of 18 years and 6 months are no longer required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace. Instead, NHS Test and Trace will advise them to take a PCR test. The guidance is such that children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who have been identified as a close contact should continue to attend the setting as normal. They do not need to wear a face covering within the setting, but it is expected and recommended that these are worn when travelling on public or dedicated transport.

Our outbreak management plan (contingency framework) and risk assessments have been completed and are available on our website.

As previously communicated, one-way systems will still be in place, outside doors used wherever possible, and lots of ventilation together with revised staggered arrivals, break, lunch and finish times. School ties are to be worn from the start of the Autumn term. Children may wear PE kit on PE days, including Piggott tracksuit bottoms if they wish (non-Piggott tracksuit bottoms must not be worn). Face coverings will no longer be advised for pupils or staff, either in classrooms or communal areas, but may be worn if the individual chooses. Children should regularly wash their hands and use hand sanitiser.

I look forward to seeing all the children back at school over the next few days.

Yours faithfully

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