



January 2022

Dear Parents and Students

I write as an update regarding plans for January 2022 in light of changes to national guidance over the Christmas holiday and again this morning.

Our on-site testing centre will provide LFTs for all students. The testing days, as previously communicated, are given below.

Year Groups	LFT date	Onsite lessons start (LFT test at home)
Years 11, 12 & 13	Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
Years 7, 8, 9 & 10	Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Thursday 6 th January 2022

Staff will set work for their classes on days when the students are not in school for onsite lessons. The nature of this will depend on the subject and year group, with some MS Teams lessons, work set on SMHW, as well as revision, reading, review and research-based tasks.

Years 11, 12 & 13 will return to onsite lessons on Wednesday 5th January. Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 will return to onsite lessons on Thursday 6th January 2022.

All students should take an additional LFT at home on the morning of their return to onsite lessons. LFTs should be taken as close as possible to social mixing and so morning tests are preferred to evening tests. Students should continue twice weekly LFTs at home on Monday mornings and again on Thursday mornings.

Unless exempt, face coverings are to be worn in **classrooms and communal areas**.

Students should wash their hands, or sanitise them, and proceed directly to their form base when they arrive at school. The library will be open after school for Year 11.



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On days when they have PE, students will continue to be allowed to wear their PE kit to school to minimise congestion in the changing areas. Piggott tracksuit bottoms can be worn. Students may bring spare PE kit to school if they wish to change after PE.

Each year group has been allocated an area of the school grounds in which to take break and lunch. Children should avoid mixing with other year groups.

Years 12 and 13 will only be required at school for their lessons. If they come in for lesson 1, then they would also be expected to be onsite for morning registration. Once they have finished their lessons for the day then they can leave the site (although facilities will be made available for students to stay on site to work during their study periods if needed). This reduces the number of young adults on site at any one time.

Children who travel to school on public transport will need to wear a face mask for their journeys. Children travelling via bus or train should try to sit with their respective year groups.

Children must not come to school if they are displaying any signs of COVID-19. Hand washing facilities and sanitizer will be available at school; children are also encouraged to carry and use their own small bottles of hand sanitizer.

The school will continue to follow the national guidance on self-isolation, copied below, updated this morning by DfE.

Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for

COVID-19:

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.



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Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Even if someone has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they are strongly encouraged to take part in LFD testing on-site through ATS or at home once they have completed their isolation period for their prior infection.

Good hygiene and ventilation remain key to stopping the spread of the virus. Children should dress for the weather appropriately.

Thank you for your continuing support and I wish all our community a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

D J Gray
Headteacher



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