



10 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all safe and well.

I wanted to write to give you some advance notice regarding the arrangements we will be putting in place for the start of next term.

You may well have heard that schools are being asked to arrange Lateral Flow Tests for all students ahead of students returning to class. We have arranged such testing previously here on site and will be complying with this request from the government as one of a number of measures we will put in place to help keep our community safe.

With current escalating levels of Covid, there is understandable concern from many regarding being placed at risk by being in a large community. It is absolutely reasonable therefore, that following the Christmas break, all members of our school undertake a Lateral Flow Test before coming back onto site for lessons, so we know as far as possible, that we are safe to resume being together on site. Students and staff colleagues will have been visiting friends and relatives in different parts of the country and abroad and we have to take all reasonable precautions to ensure that they do not return to school in January and bring Covid with them.

We will therefore be operating a staggered return to school in January, to allow for the testing of everyone to take place in a safe and secure way. The overview of arrangements are as follows:

- Wednesday, 5 January 2022 – Testing on site for Years 7, 8 and 11
- Thursday, 6 January 2022 – Years 7, 8 and 11 return for lessons on site
 - Year 9 and Year 10 attend for Testing
- Friday, 8 January 2022 – Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 on site for lessons
 - Year 12 and Year 13 attend for Testing

All students will return for normal timetabled lessons by Monday, 10 January 2022.

Below is the schedule for Year 9:

TIMES FOR LATERAL FLOW TESTS

Thursday, 6 January 2022

Year 9	Bampfild	9.00am
Year 9	Bourne	9.15am
Year 9	Feckenham	9.30am
Year 9	Fisher	9.45am
Year 9	Challoner	10.00am
Year 9	More	10.15am

We have previously written home to all families requesting permission for your young person to undertake their Lateral Flow Test here on site. Rather than ask again we will assume permission for testing if your young person arrives on site for their test.

Students will be given packs of Lateral Flow Tests next week for use over the holiday period. Thank you in advance for ensuring your young person tests regularly as requested, as again, this will ensure our community keeps safe.

Thank you as always, for your support and understanding, as it is valued and appreciated.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely



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