

December 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Final Day of Autumn term:

Please be aware that the school will close to pupils at 12.30pm on Tuesday 21st December for the Christmas break. Pupils entitled to free school meals can pick up a grab bag from the canteen before they leave site.

January return and Covid 19 testing:

In January, you may be aware that school are being asked to test pupils for Covid 19 upon their return. To accommodate this, we are asking pupils in years 7, 8 and 11 ONLY to return to school on Thursday January 6th when they will be tested for Covid 19 as part of their timetabled day. Pupils will remain on site all day and must attend in full uniform as 'normal'. Year 9 and 10 will return on Friday 7th January and be tested for Covid 19 as part of their normal timetabled day. Again they will stay on site all day in full uniform. For clarity, we return to school in January on a week A on the timetables. Consent forms regarding pupils' Covid 19 tests will be sent out to you this week electronically. All pupils, regardless of their testing consent status must follow this staggered start to our Spring term return.

- **Thursday 6th January – years 7, 8 and 11 all day in uniform (testing will take place during the day)**
- **Friday 7th January – all pupils in school all day in uniform (Year 9 and 10 will be tested during the school day)**


Covid 19

In order to keep all pupils as safe as possible, we would like to remind you that Masks must be worn by all pupils in communal areas of school (unless specifically exempt). Please send your child into school each day with a mask as part of the expected uniform and basic kit. Home testing should continue for all pupils on Sunday and Wednesday evenings – tests are available from Form Tutors each day. Contact tracing for those who test positive for the new Covid 19 variant is being led by NHS test and trace.

Class Charts

From January 2022 all communication home to parents will be done via the Class Charts platform (website or app). Please ensure you have logged into the system to avoid missing any information in the new year. Thank you to the majority of parents who have already done this to keep up to date with their child's behaviours, rewards, detentions, homeworks and announcements.

Yours faithfully



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