

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 (amended):

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 now asking pupils in years 7, 8 and 11 ONLY to come into school on Thursday January 6th at the time allocated to their form group (see below), when they will be tested for Covid 19 and then return home immediately. All years 7, 8 and 11 will return to school on Friday 7th January at 8.30am, regardless of their testing consent status.

On Friday 7th January Y9 and 10 will be tested for Covid 19 at the time allocated to their form group (see below), and then return home immediately. All years 9 and 10 will return to school on Monday 10th January, regardless of their testing consent status. Consent forms regarding pupils' Covid 19 tests have been 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 - tests taking place at allocated times (see below)**
- **Friday 7th January - years 7, 8 and 11 in school as normal from 8.30am. Years 9 and 10 - tests taking place at allocated times (see below)**
- **Monday 10th January - all years in school as normal.**

Thursday 6th January

Time	Forms
9.00 - 9.30	7S & 7T
9.30 - 10.00	7A & 7N
10.00 - 10.30	8S & 8T
10.30 - 11.00	8A, 8N & 8E
11.30 - 12.00	11S & 11T
12.00 - 12.30	11A & 11N
12.30 - 1.00	11E & 11R

Friday 7th January

Time	Forms
9.00 - 9.30	9S & 9T
9.30 - 10.00	9A & 9N
10.00 - 10.30	9E & 10S
10.30 - 11.00	10T & 10A
11.30 - 12.00	10N & 10E

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.

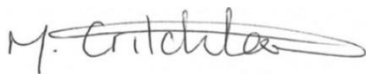
Remote Learning

Just to remind parents and pupils, that your son/daughter will have access to their learning via class charts. All pupils, are to follow their normal timetables and access the work for those lessons they are not in school for. Teachers will upload PowerPoints and/or worksheets. It is important that your son/daughter completes the work set on 6th and/or 7th January. Work can be recorded in pupil's homework journals and brought into school on Friday 7th January (Y7, 8 and 11) and Monday 10th January (Y9 & 10). Some subjects will/may use online learning such as Hegarty or GCSE Pod. Again, it is important that your child logs into class charts to note what tasks have been issued and complete.

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, homework's and announcements.

Yours faithfully



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