



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a good Christmas break and New Year.

We look forward to welcoming our students back to school this week, and wanted to provide some reminders for the week ahead as follows:

Start of Term Arrangements

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**                      **INSET Day**
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**                **On-Site Testing for Years 10, 11, 12 and 13**
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January**                  **On-Site Testing for Years 7, 8 and 9. Students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 return to school at 8.30am and report to tutor rooms for registration followed by normal timetable**
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January**                      **All Students attend from 8.30am as per normal timetable**

Reminder: On-site testing arrangements

Please see below the timetable for all students to come into school, according to their year group.

Date	In school (all testing in the Sports Hall)	Not in school
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Yr 13 <b>Test</b> 10.00am – 11.00pm and then go home Yr 12 <b>Test</b> 11.00pm – 12.00pm and then go home Yr 11 <b>Test</b> 1.00pm – 2.00pm and then go home Yr 10 <b>Test</b> 2.00pm – 3.00pm and then go home	Years 7, 8, 9
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	<b>(normal lessons for Ks4 and 5)</b>  Yr 7 <b>Test</b> 9.00am – 10.00am and go home Yr 8 <b>Test</b> 10.00 – 11.00am and go home Yr 9 <b>Test</b> 12.00 – 1.00pm and go home	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	All Year groups back in school for normal timetabled lessons.	

**Students in Year 13 and Years 7-11 in Johnson and Chichester** should **sign-in via the Gym** and then follow the one- way system into the sports hall for testing.

**Students in Year 12 and Years 7-11 in Sharman and Mallory** should **sign-in in A3** and then follow the one-way system into the sports hall for testing.

Students do not need to wear school uniform on the day of their test but should dress warmly as they may need to queue. Please ensure your child has a face covering to be worn within the test centre (Sports Hall). Hand sanitizer will be available to use before entering the testing area.

Students should only come into school for their testing appointment. Once they have taken their test, they will be dismissed to return home. So long as your child's test result is negative, they should return to school and to lessons as per the schedule above.

**Please note: The Department for Education has confirmed that students who have tested positive for Coronavirus (Covid-19) within the last 90 days are strongly encouraged to take part in LFD testing in school or at home once they have completed their isolation period for their prior infection. (This represents a change to previous guidance)**

#### Face coverings – an important update

**Please note the following guidance provided on 2nd January 2022, stating:**

**'Face masks are to be worn in secondary classrooms in England's schools to reduce the spread of the Omicron variant, the government has announced'**. This temporary reintroduction of face coverings aims to address concerns about school remaining opening for face-to-face learning this coming term.

Please ensure your child has with them on their return to school:

1. School books, equipment **and at least one face covering** to be worn throughout the school day inside classrooms and communal areas (unless exempt).
2. Please note we are on a **Week 1** timetable on our return.

#### Self-isolation – remote education and changes to self-isolation advice

I am aware that a number of students have tested positive for Covid-19 and will therefore be self-isolating at the start of term.

When not in school, students will be provided with remote learning via Satchel One. Teachers will set work on a daily basis and share lesson resources based on activities being delivered within school. All work will be published on Satchel One as classwork. The work set will relate specifically to the lessons on a student's normal timetable. The work will appear as a red box (classwork) and be clearly titled e.g Period 1 – English (Teacher Name).

**The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed.** It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The Government have said they will review the guidance on 26th January, we will continue to update you on any changes. I, and all the staff are really looking forward to the children being back in school for the start of term this week.

Kind regards

Mr Foster

Headteacher