



Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to remind you of the arrangements for the return of students to school after the Christmas break.

- Year 9 return date: **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 8.35 AM** – Home test should be carried out on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December or Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January
- Year 11 return date: **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 12.50 PM** – Home test should be carried out on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December or Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January (N.B this is after lunch, any students who would normally have a free school meal should contact the school before the end of term to arrange a time to have their lunch)
- Year 7 return date: **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 8.35 AM** – Home test should be carried out on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> or Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January
- Year 10 return date: **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 12.20 PM** – Home test should be carried out on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> or Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January (N.B. normal lunchtime for all Year 10)
- Year 8 return date: **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 8.35 AM** – Home test should be carried out on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> or Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Once a year group comes into school for their Lateral Flow Test they will remain in school for that day and the rest of the week. Any students who do not wish to participate in the testing should only come in on the day when their year group is scheduled to return

The staggered return is to allow the opportunity for all students to receive one lateral flow test in school on their return if they wish to have one. It is entirely up to parents and carers if you would like your child to take this opportunity; you can test at home if you would rather do this. If you do want your child to have the test on their return, then please follow the link below and complete the online consent form.

<https://forms.office.com/r/KSXKks2YbC>

Alternatively hard copies of the consent form are being given out to all students today and tomorrow for you to complete. All consent forms must be returned by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> am so that we can organise the testing programme. Students cannot take the test without a consent form. Please note that this is just for a lateral flow test not a vaccination.

If you have completed a consent form to have your child tested then you should follow the home testing guidelines outlined above in the return to school details. Home testing kits will be given out to all students who wish to take them on Thursday and Friday of this week. Students may take a home testing kit even if they do not intend to have the test in school when they return.

If you have any questions, please contact the school. We will continue to update parents and carers as soon as we receive any information about changes to the COVID guidelines.

Yours sincerely,

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