

4 January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back January 2022

May I start by taking this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year! I really hope that you have been able to rest over the festive period and enjoy time spent in the company of loved ones. I hope, also, that your lives have not been touched by COVID-19 as we have all tried to have a holiday season as near to normal as possible.

I write further to government guidance published on 1 January 2022 in relation to the safe return to school for all students.

You will recall in my end of term letter of December 2021 that the arrangements of pre term COVID-19 testing was explained. These plans remain unchanged, and testing will take place on site as planned. The timings are copied at the end of this letter for ease of reference. Please ask your children to attend for testing wearing a face covering, uniform need not be worn. To ensure we are able to complete all the testing and to do so as safely as possible, it is vital students arrive at their appointed times.

Following government guidance published on Sunday 1 January 2021 the following changes now apply:

1. **Lateral Flow Device Tests for all students**

If your child has had a positive test result for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they should now **attend the on-site testing**, unless they are still required to self-isolate, when they should conduct a lateral flow device test at home before returning to school. We look forward to seeing all students on Wednesday 5 January for testing at their allocated times.

2. **Face coverings in classrooms**

Students and staff must now wear face coverings in all classrooms and communal areas unless exempt. This is in place until the government 'Plan B' review on 26 January 2022. We will provide further information following this. Please ensure your child has two face coverings with them each day, the spare covering should be in a sealed plastic bag.

3. **Reduction of self-isolation period to 7 days with two negative tests**

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and your child does not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 8.

Students and staff will be required to continue to test at home twice weekly, we recommend that this takes place on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The results must be reported both to school and to the NHS. We continue with other measures in school to keep the number of COVID-19 cases as low as possible including:

1. Virtual assemblies in tutor times
2. Use of the one-way system round school
3. Good ventilation and monitoring of this in classrooms. Staff will allow students to wear coats if open windows mean classrooms are cold.
4. Availability of hand sanitiser around school and in classrooms

With all these measures in place we hope to continue to teach and have other school clubs and activities as normal so that students can continue to benefit from face to face education. We will keep this under review and will notify you of any changes as they occur.

In summary, please ensure that, unless your child currently has COVID-19 symptoms or is currently self-isolating following a positive COVID-19 test, they attend school for a test on Wednesday 5 January 2022 at the times shown below. Please also ensure that your children attend school, unless exempt, with a face covering for the first day of term.

Thursday 6 January 2022

We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Thursday 6 January 2022 after a well-deserved break. Students will arrive at school at their normal time and will have an assembly during tutor time to welcome them back. They will then attend period 1 as normal. Students should arrive at school by the following times:

8.30am	Year 7 & Year 11
8.40am	Years 8, 9, 10 & Fullbrook6

I hope that 2022 offers us a year ahead that is filled with positivity and an increasing semblance of normal life and that the Fullbrook school community continues to work together to ensure everyone can be 'better than they ever thought they could be'.

Yours faithfully



Mrs K Moore
Principal

Whole School COVID-19 testing, Wednesday 5 January 2022

All students will be tested on Wednesday 5 January with a full return to school on Thursday 6 January. Each tutor group has been allocated a specific time for which they must be on-site. Please ensure that your child is at school just before the assigned time detailed in the schedule below, is wearing a face covering (unless identified as exempt) and has a mobile phone with data on their person as they will need this to register their test. There is no requirement for them to wear school uniform. Please note that parents/carers are not permitted to accompany their child on school site for safeguarding reasons. Children will be met and directed by staff.

Year 7	
8.00am	7 AJD, 7 NSZ, 7 RZH
8.30am	7 TCI, 7 SZA, 7 TDI
9.00am	7 KSB, 7 RLJ
Year 8	
9.30am	8 NZV, 8 RG, 8 EZT
10.00am	8 MVC, 8 AMI, 8 PAS
10.30am	8 TZF, 8 HES
Year 9	
11.00am	9 AZC, 9 FZS, 9 ASR
11.30am	9 KMR, 9 TPH, 9 RAD
12.00pm	9 RYM, 9 NZK
Year 10	
12.30pm	10 APM, 10 SLP, 10 KCI
1.00pm	10 SJA, 10 JTM, 10 HZW
1.30pm	10 RTB, 10 ESH
Year 11	
2.00pm	11 CKF, 11 LYJ, 11 SYA, 11 CYA
2.30pm	11 HXT, 11 JT, 11 CVB, 11 DLZ
3.00pm	11 SAE, 11 HZS, 11 IYG, 11 PRH
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3.30pm	6 JRL, 6 EZM, 6 SZS, 6 JS6, 6 CJD
4.00pm	6 JZP, 6 JWR, 6 WRS, 6 JDB, 6 LKP