

4 January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Assalaam-Alaikum. Let me begin by wishing you and your family a happy New Year. May it be filled with happiness, success, joy and prosperity – Ameen. I hope that you and your family are keeping well and managed to get some rest and family time over the break.

I am writing to confirm arrangements for the start of the new term. All pupils will return to school as per the timings sent out before the holidays. This is to enable us to carry out Covid Tests as the school reopens after the break.

Tuesday 4 th January 2022	INSET day (Staff only in school – no students)
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	- Year 11 pupils to arrive in school between 8.00 am and 8.20 am - Year 12/13 pupils to arrive in school between 10.45 and 11.00 am - Year 10 pupils to arrive in school between 12.45 pm and 1.00 pm
Thursday 6 th January 2022	- Year 7 pupils to arrive in school between 8.00 am and 8.20 am - Year 8 pupils to arrive in school between 10.45 and 11.00 am - Year 9 pupils to arrive in school between 12.45 pm and 1.00 pm

Please note that the school buses will be in operation at the normal time – pupils who are arriving later than usual will need to make their own arrangements to get to school. School buses will be in operation at the end of the day.

COVID-19 Testing

Thank you to all parents who have completed the consent form to enable their child to take a Rapid Lateral Flow Test at school before the start of term. If you have not completed the consent form and would still like your child to be tested, please complete the via the text message link that was sent out to all parents before the holidays.

Once the first test has been completed, a second test should then be taken at home 3 to 4 days after the first test. Then, for the rest of January, pupils should continue to test themselves at home twice a week. Pupils who agree to home testing will be provided with testing kits for January.

Face coverings and other measures

During the spring term, the school will continue to take steps to minimise the risk of infection.

- Pupils will need to wear a face covering at all times. This includes:
 - Travelling to and from school, particularly on the school bus or public transport.
 - Entering and leaving the school building.
 - During lessons in the classroom.
 - During assemblies and when moving around the premises such as in corridors and communal areas.

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- There will be increased ventilation in classrooms.
- We will be cleaning more frequently, including regular disinfection of frequently touched surfaces.
- Pupils will be encouraged to wash their hands and use sanitiser regularly.

Pupils who test positive for COVID-19

- Pupils who have one of the three main COVID-19 symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature, loss or change of taste/smell) must isolate at home and get a PCR test immediately.
- The result of the test should be shared with the school.
- If a pupil tests positive, they will isolate in line with [guidance from NHS Test and Trace](#).
- Asymptomatic pupils who test positive with a Rapid Lateral Flow test (either in school or at home) must isolate at home immediately and get a PCR test within 2 days to confirm the result.

Pupils identified as close contacts

All fully vaccinated adults and children aged 5 to 18 years old who are identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, will be asked to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. As long as pupils continue to test negative, and do not develop symptoms, they will be able to continue to attend school.

We really appreciate your support with this and look forward to welcoming your child back to school.

If you have any concerns or queries, or need support in any way, please contact the school.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal.