



30<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you have been enjoying the holiday period. We are writing to remind you of the arrangements for students return to the Academy in January and also **to encourage those secondary students who have not yet given consent to testing to consider doing so.**

We are sure that you are aware of the reports around the increase in cases of the Omicron variant and the important role that testing is playing in helping to monitor this. At present we have not been advised of any further restrictions that need to be put in place in the Academy we will however, communicate any changes should this become necessary.

### Returning to school in January

#### Primary

**All primary** students should return at their usual time on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.**

#### Secondary

The Government have asked that all secondary students (who consent) to complete one on-site asymptomatic test when they return to school in January and then continue to complete tests twice weekly at home.

Year groups will only attend for testing (those who have consented) **and then will return home, students do not need to attend in uniform.** This prevents students from mixing whilst we await the test results.

So that we can ensure the testing process goes as smoothly as possible, we will be staggering the start time/date as follows:

Year Group	Assembly & Testing	Time	Back in the Academy
Year 9	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00am	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 10	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	10:00am	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 7	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00am	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 8	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	11:00am	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January

#### Consent

If you have not yet consented to your child being tested you can complete the Microsoft form using the link <https://forms.office.com/r/k3Wsl0zX6w> .

Testing students on their return to the Academy is a very important way to help us stop the spread of COVID-19 so we need to ensure that we test as many of our students as possible. The tests are quick and safe and help with the early identification of possible covid cases.

If you have questions regarding any of the above you can contact the school office on 0114 2200 400 from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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**Please remember that following testing students in Years 9 and 10 return as normal on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Students in years 7 and 8 return as normal on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January.**

Thank you as always for your understanding and support during the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are sending our best wishes to you all for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Pape".

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