

17th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We are all very much looking forward to the forthcoming break and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last term.

### During the holiday period

#### To help reduce the spread of Covid-19, please remember:

- Please support your child to test across the holiday. You can order free lateral flow tests to see if you have Covid-19 from [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests) or get them over the counter from your local pharmacy
- Should you or your child have symptoms of Covid-19 please get a PCR test as soon as possible <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- If you are planning on travelling abroad, the rules have changed (search 'travel from UK').
- Vaccination, and in some instances vaccination boosters, are now available for all adults and children over 12 who consent. Please support your child to receive the vaccine if you as a family consent. This will help to reduce the risk for everyone.

### 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 an assembly and then for testing (those who have consented) **and then will return home**. This prevents them 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 of the return to school 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  |

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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> (we will also text this link to our secondary parents) then your child can bring this with them on their date of return. 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.

We do not yet know what the rate of Covid-19 will be in our local area in January. Therefore, we will be in touch nearer the time if we have to introduce any more covid-controls in the Academy.

If you have questions regarding any of the above, please contact the school office on 0114 2200 400.

**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. Wishing you all a good holiday and best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Pape".

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