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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are very much looking forward to students returning to school this week. There has been a great deal of media coverage about the start of term, some of which has been misleading. I also appreciate there is also some conflicting information from the NHS and the DfE. I wish to clarify some key points and to confirm that we are following the **DfE advice**.

## Testing

Students have been asked to conduct a lateral flow test at home for the three consecutive days prior to returning to the school site. If your son/daughter has not yet done so, please could you ask him/her to carry out a home test PRIOR to attending tomorrow for their on-site test? If anyone tests positive at home, he/she should NOT come onto site and you should book a PCR test immediately and wait for the result before any return to school. If the PCR test is positive, self-isolation will be necessary.

Our on-site testing programme will run tomorrow and is available to all students where consent has been provided. The details of which were communicated before the holidays and are on the website. If your son/daughter has tested positive for Covid in the past 90 days, he/she is still advised to attend for an on-site test tomorrow:

Even if someone has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they are strongly encouraged to take part in LFD testing on-site. *DfE Jan 2022*

The self-isolation period may be reduced to 7 days in some cases, this is when an individual has a negative LFT on day 6 and another negative LFT 24 hours later on day 7. If these tests are positive, an individual should isolate for 10 days.

To be clear, if anyone has a positive lateral flow test, he/she should not come to school.

## Face coverings

You are likely to be aware that students are expected to wear a face covering in classrooms as well as communal spaces. It is important that your son/daughter arrives at school with plenty of their own face coverings for the whole day. Whilst we have some in school, this supply is limited. If your son/daughter has an exemption, please ensure the tutor is in receipt of a confirmed exemption from a parent/carer to enable us to update our records. He/she should wear a badge or lanyard to make the exemption to avoid being repeatedly questioned by staff throughout the day. Details for generating a badge can be found [here](#).

As term 3 begins, the school will be open fully as staffing levels are very positive. This will be monitored closely and we will keep you informed should this position change. I wish to reassure you that we will continue to strive to keep students on-site for their education as long as we can safely do so.

I wish all our families a very Happy New Year and thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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