



17 December 2021

Dear Parent and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As promised, I am writing to update you with the arrangements for our return in January 2022.

### Term Dates and Timings

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, we have our Staff INSET day and school will be closed to all students.

We look forward to welcoming our full school community back on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022** when school fully reopens for all pupils at **8.20am**. As usual, we will have our **Breakfast Club session running from 8.00am**, and all students are welcome.

### Covid-19

I am requesting that all parents ensure that students carry out a lateral flow test on the evening before they are due to return to school. If your child's lateral flow test is positive, they must book a PCR test and continue to isolate until they receive the results of the test and follow the advice given by Public Health. Even if your child's test is negative and they are displaying symptoms you must book a PCR test and get a negative result before they return to school.

### Covid Testing Days

In line with the Government's expectations for all secondary schools, we will carry out testing on school site during the first two days of students returning. The guideline for schools remains as follows (please also refer to our contingency plan attached):.

Students will be required to take a test on site at the start of term. Only those students whose parents have given consent will be tested. If you have given consent already, you do not need to do so again. For students whose parent/carers have not completed the consent form you will be sent the link to do so within a separate email.

The schedule for testing to make sure that all students have access to our test centre is as follows:

|   | Period 1 | Period 2 | Period 3 | Period 4 | Period 5             |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------------|
| <b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b> | Year 11  |          | Year 11  | Year 10  | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form |
| <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>  | Year 8   | Year 7   | Year 9   | Year 9   |                      |



## While at school

- Students must continue to wear facemasks and should now bring their own masks to school with them as part of their equipment for every day
- Students must continue to use the one-way system during lesson changeover
- Lunchtimes remain separate for different year groups
- Classrooms will continue to be well ventilated
- We continue with our enhanced hygiene routines throughout the school day

We thank you in advance for continuing to support the school in our efforts to ensure that our entire community remain safe and that transmission of Covid-19 is broken wherever possible.

Please may I also take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout this difficult period. I wish you and you families a restful festive season and all the best for the new year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Stephens

Headteacher

