



8<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I trust you are safe and well. I appreciate the recent news regarding a new COVID variant will increase anxiety amongst you. So, I do want to outline in this letter reminders of our safety measures, along with the end of term arrangements, start of term and some other important messages.

### **COVID MEASURES**

All staff and students must wear a face covering in communal areas of the school. This doesn't include in classrooms. So, it is essential that your child comes to school with a face covering each day.

In the canteen and areas around the school we have sanitiser points. However, it is a good habit for your child to bring some to school along with a packet of tissues. Since the start of the pandemic we have been supporting families through this difficult time and we continue to do so. Please do contact us if you need help and make use of our weekly food-bank if you need.

**Please do continue to use your home COVID tests.**

### **END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS**

The term ends on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. On the day we will be serving Christmas lunch to the students. The Year 11 leadership team have proposed that we have a non-uniform day. On arriving to school students need to pay £1.00 for a charitable cause.

After lunch students will be dismissed. Please see below the departure times so you know when to collect your child. At the end of the day students are expected to go straight home.

<b>YEAR GROUP</b>	<b>DEPARTURE TIME</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> Form	12.40pm
Year 11	12.40pm
Year 10	2.00pm
Year 9	1.45pm
Year 8	1.30pm
Year 7	1.20pm

## START OF TERM

You will be aware that similar to other terms students will have to take a COVID test in school. Below are the dates and times your child will return to school.

### 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

For testing only	
Years 12 and 13	11.00am
Year 11	12.30pm
Year 10	2.00pm

### 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Years 10, 11, 12 and 13	Arrive at 8.40am for normal day
Year 7	9.00am
Year 8	11.00am
Year 9	1.00pm

**Students will go to lessons after their test. We would also ask that before this date your child also completes a test at home.**

## WEBSITE

On our website before the end of term we will place this term's newsletter. I am sure you will enjoy reading all the fabulous achievements across the school.

The website will have news of any further updates regarding the start of term should there be any changes over the holiday. You will also find lots of useful information regarding safeguarding and the curriculum. Particularly with the curriculum please look so you can get your child to complete additional reading and tasks ahead of the new term.

## CONTACT DETAILS/APPOINTMENTS

It is essential that we have the most up to date contact information for you. This includes at least two mobile numbers. If your details have changed then you must inform us. Numbers and contact details are an essential part of safeguarding.

May I remind you again that GP and dentist appointments should not be made during the school day. We appreciate specialised appointments cannot be changed but others will not be authorised. You must also provide 24 hours' notice for an appointment and you need to collect your child from school.

Finally, I want to thank you for your continued support and despite the overwhelming challenges of recent times much has been achieved at the school. This is built upon our foundation of working together for our collective purpose.

I trust you enjoy the holidays and we all look forward to your child returning on time in full school uniform on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022. May I wish you a Merry Christmas and the very best for 2022.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr N. Langham**  
**Headteacher**

