

Dear parents and carers,

Updated Government Guidance – 04.01.22

Happy new year, we hope you have all had a relaxing Christmas break.

This email outlines some important changes to the COVID guidance for schools issued by the DFE at the end of the Christmas holidays. Our staggered start times have already been communicated to parents and carers however I have added them to this letter also. Guidance changes have been highlighted.

The first change to guidance is for pupils who have tested positive for COVID during the last 90 days. Anyone who has tested positive can now take rapid lateral flow tests once their period of self-isolation is over. A reminder that we ask our community to test twice weekly, on a Sunday and Wednesday reporting results to the school [here](#) and the NHS [here](#).

The seven-day isolation period has been confirmed. Pupils **must** take a rapid lateral flow test on day 6 and 7 of their self-isolation period. If the results are negative the pupil no longer needs to complete a full 10 days of isolation.

Face masks should now be worn in all classrooms and teaching spaces. This until 26th January in the first instance. Please ensure you send your child to school with a face mask. If your child is exempt from wearing a face mask, he/she must wear a lanyard or carry a note signed by a parent or carer.

Hand hygiene continues to be extremely important. Hand sanitiser is available in school for all pupils. Ventilation also continues to be important; windows and doors will remain open. Pupils are encouraged to wear a base layer under their shirt and either a plain black v neck jumper or cardigan under their blazer. No hoodies or coats will be permitted within school.

Parents and carers should not attend school without an appointment. If you would like to come and see a member of staff, please telephone to arrange an appointment.

Return to school dates:

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Years 11, 10 and 7

Thursday 6th January 2022

Years 8 and 9 (meaning that all year groups will be in school from Thursday 6th).

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Mrs H Rigby

Head teacher

	Tuesday 4 th January (PD Day)	Wednesday 5 th January
Year 7	TEST 1	
Year 8		TEST 1
Year 9		TEST 1
Year 10	TEST 1	
Year 11	TEST 1	