



Monday, 03 January 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,
Assalaamu Alaikum / May Peace Be Upon You

I hope that you and your family are well. I am writing to confirm arrangements for the start of the new term. All pupils will return to school at **8am on Wednesday 5th January**.

COVID-19 Testing

Thank you to all parents who have completed the consent form to enable their child to take a Rapid Lateral Flow Test at school before the start of term. Please bring your child to school at the allocated time for their year group.

Once the first test has been completed, a second test should then be taken at home on Friday 7th January. Then, for the rest of January, pupils should continue to test themselves at home twice a week. Pupils who agree to home testing will be provided with testing kits for January.

Face coverings and other measures

During the spring term, the school will continue to take steps to minimise the risk of infection.

- Pupils will need to wear a face covering at all times (unless exempt). This includes:
 - Travelling to and from school, particularly on public transport.
 - Entering and leaving the school building.
 - During lessons in the classroom.
 - During assemblies and when moving around the premises such as in corridors and communal areas.
- Ventilation has been maximised in the building.
- We will be cleaning more frequently, including regular disinfection of frequently touched surfaces.
- Pupils will be encouraged to wash their hands and use sanitiser regularly.

Pupils who test positive for COVID-19

- Pupils who have one of the three main COVID-19 symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature, loss or change of taste/smell) must isolate at home and get a PCR test immediately.
- The result of the test should be shared with the school.
- If a pupil tests positive, they will isolate in line with [guidance from NHS Test and Trace](#).
- Asymptomatic pupils who test positive with a Rapid Lateral Flow test (either in school or at home) must isolate at home immediately and get a PCR test within 2 days to confirm the result.

Pupils identified as close contacts

All fully vaccinated adults and children aged 5 to 18 years old who are identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, will be asked to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. If pupils continue to test negative, and do not develop symptoms, they will be able to continue to attend school.

We really appreciate your support with this and look forward to welcoming your child back to school at **8am on Wednesday 5th January**.

If you have any concerns or queries, or need support in any way, please contact the school. Please remember the school in your prayers.

Yours sincerely,

Sajid Khaliq
Principal

