

13th December 2021

To prevent the spread of Covid 19 after the Christmas holiday we have been asked to test our pupils once on-site on their return in January. After this test on return, pupils should continue to test in line with government guidelines.

From previous experience we know this is a huge undertaking and is very time consuming. To help ensure this testing is properly staffed, completed effectively and accurately, both secondary schools within the Trust are going to have a phased return to school.

Students will return on the following days:

- Tuesday 4th January 2022 - Years 11, 12 and 13 only (years 7, 8, 9, 10 remain at home for remote learning)
- Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Years 9 and 10 (years 7, 8 remain at home for remote learning)
- Thursday 6th January 2022 - Years 7 and 8

For remote learning, lessons will be taught by teachers via Google classroom. Students will be expected to follow their normal timetables and attend all lessons, with the exception of morning registration and DEAR time.

We are now seeing a steady increase in the number of both staff and students with Covid 19 over the last week (currently we have 5 confirmed staff cases, 26 confirmed student cases, and 15 students awaiting PCR results). We have put increased control measures in place but the most effective way of reducing the spread of Covid 19 in school is through early detection. Please can you ensure your child/children continue to do twice weekly LFD testing at home. Please do not send them to school if they test positive, if they are ill or are showing symptoms of Covid 19.

Thank you for your continued support.



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