

## **InTouch message Monday 3 January 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you have all enjoyed the Christmas and New Year festivities and are looking forward to the start of the new term.

### **LFD Covid19 Testing, Tuesday 4 January**

As you will be aware, all students should do a Lateral Flow Device COVID-19 test before they return to school. We are offering on-site testing tomorrow, between 9am and 3pm, for those who have previously indicated that they will be attending school for this. Testing will take place in the Sports Hall; if you are driving your child to school you are welcome to use the Sports Centre car park. Students are welcome to come for their test at anytime between 9am and 3pm.

**Students who have opted to test at home should report their test results [here](#).**

Please be reminded that school buses will not operate on Tuesday, they will run from Wednesday 5 January when the normal lesson timetable resumes.

Following the return to school testing, all students should continue to test twice weekly on a Sunday and Wednesday.

Even if someone has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, the government now strongly advises that they take part in LFD testing on-site or at home once they have completed their isolation period.

### **Attendance Expectations**

Attendance for all students remains mandatory and remote provision will not be provided for students unless they are required to self-isolate having tested positive for COVID-19. All students are expected to return to school on Wednesday 5 January unless they are required to self-isolate.

### **Face Coverings**

As you will be aware, on 2 January the government updated COVID-19 guidance for schools in England and it is now recommended that face coverings are worn in classrooms by students in Year 7 and above, unless exempt. The advice on face coverings in classrooms will be in place until 26 January, when Plan B regulations are currently scheduled to expire, at which point it will be reviewed. Students will also be expected to wear face coverings in indoor communal areas and whilst on all school transport. Exemptions should be recorded [here](#).

We respectfully ask that parents and carers ensure that students bring face coverings to school each day. We have an increasing number of students that are asking for face coverings from Reception on a daily basis; please check with your child each day that they have their face covering with them as we have a very limited stock.

### **Isolation period & close contacts**

We will be sending out an e-mail at the end of tomorrow (Tuesday) with full details of how the updated government guidance will be managed in school. Please look out for this message.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

Kind regards  
M Jones  
Headmaster