

Dear Parent/Carer

### **First day of term arrangements & Updates to Covid Guidance**

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support during these difficult times. I hope you and your family have a wonderful Christmas break.

Unfortunately, as we head towards Christmas the COVID situation has once again taken a turn for the worse leading to a large increase in infections due to the Omicron variant.

The Government have asked all secondary aged pupils to continue testing through the holidays to reduce the chance of positive infections spreading around schools.

On Monday 10th January many mainstream secondary schools will be closed in order to test all pupils. Pupils are invited in at a specific time to take a Lateral Flow test and then return home to await the results.

Unfortunately, due to a large proportion of our pupils travelling to school via taxi and being multi-sited we are not in a position to invite pupils in to be tested and then return home until school opens as normal.

Instead, I am asking all of our secondary aged pupils (Y7 to Y11) to complete a home lateral flow test on the morning of Monday January 10th 2022 before they travel to school. Test results should be recorded on the NHS testing website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/test-results/report-a-rapid-lateral-flow-test-result/>

If your child has symptoms of COVID please isolate at home and arrange a PCR test in line with national guidance. If the PCR test is positive, please follow national advice and isolate at home. If the PCR test is negative, your child can return to school, although, if able, please consider daily lateral flow tests for the next seven days.

## **End of Term Arrangements**

The last day of term is Wednesday 22 December 2022 with the school re-opening on Monday 10 January 2022.

## **Inset Days**

The school will be closed for the following Inset Days:

Monday 28 February

Tuesday 1 March

Monday 25 April

## **Support Services**

The following are websites of organisations that you may find useful:

### ***Dealing with Bereavement:***

[www.winstonswish.org](http://www.winstonswish.org)

[www.childbereavementuk.org](http://www.childbereavementuk.org)

### ***Safety online***

[www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre)

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents)

### ***Special Educational Needs***

[www.bild.org.uk](http://www.bild.org.uk)

### ***Dealing with Mental Health***

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

[www.cwmt.org.uk](http://www.cwmt.org.uk)

### ***Dealing with Abuse***

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Once again thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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