



Ms Suvi Mohey [Principal]

4th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start by wishing you and your family a Happy New Year and hope that you have had a safe and restful holiday.

As you are aware the current cases of Covid-19 are extremely high and as an additional measure to help combat the spread of the new variant the Government have recommended that students wear face coverings in classrooms as well as communal areas, alongside lateral flow testing. Your child will need to bring to school a suitable face covering to be worn as well as a spare covering in case it breaks during the day. Please ensure that they also bring in a suitable container or small plastic bag to keep the face covering in when not in use. This recommendation is to be in place until 26th January when it will be reviewed by the Government. Students are also required to wear face coverings when travelling on public transport. Unfortunately, we are not able to overrule a bus driver if they refuse to allow students to travel without a mask.

If you have previously informed us that your child is exempt to wearing a face covering, then there is no requirement to do this again. However, if you have any concerns please contact your child's Academic Mentor.

As mentioned in my letter before the holidays we will also be carrying out lateral flow testing for students, whose parents have consented, at the start of term. Students will come in for the test only on their specific day and then will return home. They will then return to the Academy as normal on the next day, provided they have returned a negative lateral flow result. If you have not consented to your child being tested they remain at home until their year group starts the next day.

Date	Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students	Year 7, 8 and 9 students
Wednesday 5th January	Students come in for their Covid-19 test according to the schedule and go home once it is completed.	
Thursday 6th January	Students return to the academy at 8.30am for lessons	Students come in for their Covid-19 test according to the schedule and go home once it is completed. Year 9 students will also have School booster vaccination.
Friday 7th January	Normal school day	Students return to the academy at 8.30am for lessons


Students should arrive for their Covid-19 tests at the Main reception. They will then be guided towards the test centre. Once students have completed their tests they will leave via the main Reception. Results for tests will come through the NHS system. If a student returns a void test, they will be required to return to have another test. If a test is returned positive they will be required to self-isolate and have a PCR test.

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Wednesday 5 th January		Thursday 6 th January	
9.00am	10B & 10M	9.00am	7M & 7B
9.20am	10H & 10X	9.20am	7H & 7X
9.40am	10D & 10L	9.40am	7E & 7L
10.00am	11B & 11X	10.00am	7S & 7D
10.20am	11E & 11L	10.20am	9B & 9H
10.40am	11S & 11D	10.40am	9X & 9E
10.00 – 11.00am	Year 12 and 13 <i>Students will be tested alongside Year 11</i>	11.00am	9L, 9S & 9D
		11.20am	8B & 8D
		11.40am	8H & 8X
		12.00pm	8E, 8L & 8M

At this point it is vital that we all play our part in reducing the risk of infection in the community and that we look after each other. I know that some students and parents will feel anxious about the return to education but I can assure you that we will do our best to minimise the risk. We hope that with the increased measures we can have a successful and safe half term.

Yours sincerely



Suvi Mohey
Principal