



4 January 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope you had a good Christmas and I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming students back to school. Please see the timetable for students' return to school at the end of the letter. The staggered start is to allow us to lateral flow test on site before students return to school. We ask parents to continue to twice weekly test on a Sunday and Wednesday to support us in keeping students safe in school.

As many of you will be aware, the DfE have advised that all secondary school children (unless medically exempt) must now wear a mask both in classrooms and in corridors around the school site. This guidance will be reviewed at the end of January. Please support us by ensuring your child brings a mask to school each day.

We have introduced a one-way system in school to minimise congestion in corridors. We will be asking students to be seated when inside at break and lunchtimes and to only remove their mask when eating or drinking. Students will be encouraged to be outside at break and lunchtime when the weather permits this. It would be helpful for students to bring a winter coat to school.

Until further notice, we will also be staggering the start and finish time for school and will be asking different year groups to use different entrances and exits as outlined below.

	Start	Finish Monday	Finish Tues/Thurs/Fri	Finish Wednesday *	Entrance / exit
Year 7	8.35am	4.05pm	3.05pm	1.30pm	Egg
Year 8	8.45am	3.55pm	2.55pm	1.20pm	Egg
Year 9	8.45am	3.55pm	2.55pm	1.20pm	Maths Block
Year 10	8.35am	3.55pm	2.55pm	1.20pm	South End
Year 11	8.35am	4.05pm	3.05pm	1.30pm	Maths Block
Year 12 & 13	8.30am	4.05pm	3.05pm	1.30pm	South End

**\* Please note that on Wednesdays, there will only be one food service available at break time.**

Until the government provides any further guidance, we will stop all cross-year group extra-curricular activities.

If your child develops any symptoms such as a high temperature, continuous cough or loss of/change to taste or smell, or they have a positive lateral flow test, they should not attend school and should isolate whilst awaiting a PCR test result. Please find updated isolation guidance on the government website [www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance).

We hope these measures will support us in keeping all students in school. Please keep an eye on our website and ensure we have an up-to-date email and mobile phone number so that we can contact you with any further information. During this time, we ask parents to limit their visits to the school.

Wishing you and your family all the best for a safe 2022.

Yours faithfully



Ms Keane  
Headteacher

### Students' return to school:

Students will start school at the times listed below for their lateral flow test. Once a negative result is confirmed, they will then remain in school on their start day and subsequent days.

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Arrival time	Group
8:30am	7A & 7B
9:00am	7C & 7D
9:30am	7E & 7F
10:00am	7G & 7H
10:30am	7I & 7J
11:00am	11A & 11B
11:30am	11C & 11D
12:00pm	11E & 11F
12:30pm	11G & 11H
1:00pm	11I & 11J
1:30pm	Year 13
2:30pm	Year 12

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Arrival time	Group
8:30am	8A & 8B
9:00am	8C & 8D
9:30am	8E & 8F
10:00am	8G & 8H
10:30am	8I & 8J
11:00am	10A & 10B
11:30am	10C & 10D
12:00pm	10E & 10F
12:30pm	10G & 10H
1:00pm	10I & 10J

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Arrival time	Group
8:30am	9A & 9B
9:00am	9C & 9D
9:30am	9E & 9F
10:00am	9G & 9H
10:30am	9I & 9J