



# Archbishop Temple Church of England High School



IC/CS

14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

There is much to celebrate so far this academic year, which I am sure you will have seen on our Facebook page, Twitter feed or in our termly Communique, we truly have a school full of young people with a great deal of talent and determination to work hard and succeed. Despite the frustrations we all face due to Covid 19, I am also pleased that improvements and refurbishment work continues in many areas of school and I am especially pleased with the new appointments we have made this year which will strengthen the quality of our provision for all pupils.

Schools have been asked to conduct Covid tests for all consenting pupils on their return to school in the New Year. This will run similarly to the way we managed testing in September but this time we have only been asked to carry out one test per consenting pupil. In order to minimise disruption to the start of term we intend to carry out all the testing on the first day back, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. School will therefore open for lessons on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January allowing me to use staff in the varied testing roles so that it can be completed as quickly as possible. **Pupils not consenting should not come into school on 4<sup>th</sup> January as pupils will arrive at given times, test then leave.**

We will assume consent if parents/carers send their child in to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January for testing. No additional consent forms will be needed. Parents/carers who wish to change their contact details from those we used in September for test results need to email these changes into school to [j.turner@archbishoptemple.com](mailto:j.turner@archbishoptemple.com) no later than 3pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December (stating phone number and email address).

Any pupil who has tested positive for Covid during the 90 days prior to 3<sup>rd</sup> January must not come into school to be tested.

There will be no school buses on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January; school bus services will resume on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Siblings may come into school together to be tested even if they are in a different year group. All pupils coming into school must be in full school uniform and must wear a face covering at all times whilst they are in the test site unless they are exempt (they should have a pass or lanyard showing exemption).

Please arrange for your son/daughter to arrive in school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January as per the timetable below.

Time of arrival	Registration Group
08.00	11P, 11R, 11E
08.45	11S, 11T, 11N
09.30	7P, 7R, 7E
10.15	7S, 7T, 7N

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Time of arrival	Registration Group
11.00	8P, 8R, 8E
11.30	8S, 8T, 8N
12.15	9P, 9R, 9E
12.45	9S, 9T, 9N
13.30	10P, 10R, 10E
14.00	10S, 10T, 10N

You will notice the timings vary from year group to year group as we consider year group size and staff experience.

I appreciate this is far from the start to the new year that any one wants but we are where we are. Could I take this opportunity to thank you all for the patience and support you have shown this term as we have responded to an ever-changing landscape.

We are still in uncertain times but I wish you a joyous and holy Christmas and hope you all have a prosperous New Year.

Best wishes,



Mr Ivan Catlow  
Headteacher