

14th December 2021

Dear families,

As one term comes to an end we start to look forward to the next in order to plan and prepare to ensure it starts as smoothly and productively as possible. Part of this planning is now concerning making the school as safe as we can in respect of Covid security. Schools across the country have been asked to ensure that they provide on site testing once again as the children return to school following the Christmas break. In order to make this feasible, schools have been allowed to stagger the start dates in a similar way as the return in September this year.

Please see the timetable below for the planned staggered restarting of school. Please note that once your child has returned to school with their year group they will continue to attend school for the remainder of the week.

| Start date | Year group(s) returning |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Wednesday 5 January 2022 | 10 & 11 |
| Thursday 6 January 2022 | 7 & 8 |
| Friday 7 January 2022 | 9 |

The school will ensure that students undertake a supervised lateral flow test on their return day. The consent previously provided for this testing remains valid – there is no need for you to contact the school if there are no changes. Should you wish to withdraw or provide consent to testing please contact the school office before 10:30 on Friday 17 December 2021.

Please assist us with maintaining the very low numbers of Covid infections in school by ensuring that your child takes a lateral flow test every Wednesday and Sunday evening during term time and please ensure that they come into school every day with their face covering.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and to wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas break.

Yours faithfully



Mr C J Major
Deputy Headteacher