

13th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware, the government have announced a move to Plan B with regards to Covid 19. I have attached a link [here](#) giving details of how the new arrangements are being shared in schools.

We do not expect this to impact our operation during the final week but we do continue to ask for face coverings to be worn and for students to continue testing and keep us informed of any positive results.

The government are asking students and staff to test regularly over the holiday period and we will be making test kits available for children to bring home next week.

We are also in the process of re-establishing our on-site testing facility for students before they return in January, which would encourage as many students as possible to take part in. There will not be a need to book an appointment and the facility will be open between 8:30am-3pm. We ask that students enter and leave the site via the main student entrance on Albany Road. I have included a copy of the arrangements below again:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Monday 3rd Jan	School Closed (Bank Holiday)				
Tuesday 4th Jan	School closed. Remote learning/reading activities provided.		School open to students for LFD test. No pre-booking required. Students not required to wear school uniform and can return home straight after their test.		
Wednesday 5th Jan	School open to students for LFD test. No pre-booking required. Students not required to wear school uniform and can return home straight after their test to continue remote activities.		Students return to school and follow a full timetable from 8:40am WEEK A		
Thursday 6th Jan	All students are in school and follow their full school timetable. Students go straight to their period 1 for a prompt 8:40am start.				

As we reach the final school week of 2021, I hope you have been able to buy your ticket for our wonderful Christmas Concert. When we return in January, I will write again with any government update regarding Covid19 and will re-publish our Risk Assessments as we hope to come out of "Plan B"

We have enjoyed another great term, where the children have shown incredible resilience and adaptability. They have worked hard and got back into the swing of school after 18 disrupted months. One area that we will look to improve in the new year will be attendance, hopefully offering as much support as we can to get as many fit and healthy students into school as possible, each and every day.

Last month, Sara Cardno wrote to inform parents of some pastoral changes and we look forward to welcoming Penny Hindle to school in January as the Head of Year 9. I am sure many of you will get to know Penny as the year progresses.

One final thing that we would ask is that you take 5 minutes to complete the following survey to help us get an host picture of what we do well, but what we need to improve

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hmpYW-bEmU2DF5CfHJ74qo_TmijniK5ljQ5kAPxZDCtUOTdPQOVJSEtMMOVWRzQ1S0hURihVMzBUWC4u

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Merry Christmas,



Ray Baker
Headteacher