



16 December 2021

Dear parents, carers and guardians

Return to school 2022

This term, in spite of the high number of both staff and student families affected by illness, our staff body has worked tirelessly – covering additional lessons, to ensure the school has remained open and functioning well. Where colleagues in other schools have had to alternate year group home-learning, I am relieved to say that this has not been an option we have needed to consider.

All schools in the BCP area have been required to undertake 'extraordinary measures'. These include the requirement for all students to undertake on-site Lateral Flow Tests on their return to school. There is little point speculating about further changes to local and national guidelines this week and the inevitability of additional updates during the Christmas holidays. For now, therefore, **the changes to return dates for each year group** are below. Rest assured, we shall be in touch by text to keep you up to date should the current plans change.

On each day, students should attend at the normal time. Please ensure the evening before a Lateral Flow test is taken and that you log details on the following link: [Covid-19 Home Testing | Poole High School](#)

Date 2022	Detail
Monday 3 rd January	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 4 th January	Staff Training Day – school closed to students
Wednesday 5 th January	School open to Year 9 School open to Year 10 School closed to Years 7, 8, 11, 12,13
Thursday 6 th January	School open to Year 11 School open to Year 12 School open to Year 13 Lessons as normal for Years 9 and 10 School closed to Years 7 and 8
Friday 7 th January	School open to all other years

Tomorrow - Friday 17 December 2021

A reminder school closes at **12.30pm** and we will be asking parents to support students with a Christmas themed non-uniform day – Suggested donation to the Friends of Poole High School (collection at front gate by the senior leadership team in buckets). We recommend that students accessorise non-uniform with Christmas hats, jumpers and appropriate festive paraphernalia. A suggested contribution of £1 from each participant to support FOPHS will be appreciated.

Please note that the on-site school buses (with the exception of route 401) will not be available and students will need to use the local bus routes. Those students that would normally board the 405 are invited to walk to the main road and board a 5/6 at the stop just outside the school drive.

As always, thank you for working with us and your commitment in making our community such a special place. We wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a healthy and happy new year.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Gray
Headteacher