



28 January 2022

Dear parents, guardians, carers

I am writing to thank you for your patience and continued support with the **protective measures** recently taken re: **face masks**. These will continue for a further week, then be reviewed.

Given the advice from the Director of Public Health, Dorset, based on the high levels of Covid cases locally, along with the high number of teacher absences this week, we will continue to keep our current arrangements under weekly review. Whatever the political reasons for ignoring the science, the LA and the Director of Public Health are wholly supportive of a continuation of measures given the rise in secondary cases and risk of partial closure. Please rest assured that the school will continue to be sensible in our interpretation of what is safe in our context. At one point this week, the risk of sending some children home due to staff illness was a real consideration. The inconvenience of masks compared with the damage to children's education if we have to partially close, is a difficult balance to strike. Our behaviour policy and appearance code have been adjusted to reflect this situation. I do not want to pre-empt the data, but I genuinely hope that in a week, we will be able to review this and 'step measures down'.

All students must bring masks and exemption lanyards as appropriate. If the weather is cold and as classes are sensibly ventilated, students may wish to wear a **non-visible base layer** under their uniform.

Now that Tatnam Road has re-opened, can we encourage parents dropping their children off by car, to **use the rear entrance to the school**. Under no circumstances should anyone **park by the bus stop** on Wimborne Road or in the cycle lanes. This puts cyclists at risk as it causes them to swing out into the middle of the road. We are prepared to ask the police to act if this continues.

Please ensure all students travelling to school by bicycle, wear a helmet for their own safety.

Term Dates 2022 to 2023

The term dates are now available on the school website: [Term Dates 22 to 23](#) A printable copy is also available as on page 2 of this letter.

Dates this half term

- **Thursday 3 February**, we look forward to meeting, albeit virtually parents at Year 7 parent evening.
- **Thursday 17 February**, parent evening for Year 9 with further details to follow shortly.
- **w/c 14 February – Lunch time**, a trial one lunch for all students will be taking place this week from 1.15pm to 1.55pm and students will be informed on further details around this.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Gray
Headteacher

POOLE HIGH SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022-2023

September 2022					October 2022					November 2022								
Monday		5	12	19	26	Monday		3	10	17	24	31	Monday		7	14	21	28
Tuesday		6	13	20	27	Tuesday		4	11	18	25	Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29	
Wednesday		7	14	21	28	Wednesday		5	12	19	26	Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30	
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	Thursday		6	13	20	27	Thursday	3	10	17	24		
Friday	2*	9	16	23	30	Friday		7	14	21	28	Friday	4	11	18	25		
Saturday	3	10	17	24	Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	Saturday	5	12	19	26			
Sunday	4	11	18	25	Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	Sunday	6	13	20	27			
December 2022					January 2023					February 2023								
Monday		5	12	19	26	Monday		2	9	16	23	30	Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		6	13	20	27	Tuesday		3	10	17	24	31	Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday		7	14	21	28	Wednesday		4	11	18	25	Wednesday	1	8	15	22		
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	Thursday		5	12	19	26	Thursday	2	9	16	23		
Friday	2	9	16	23	30	Friday		6	13	20	27	Friday	3	10	17	24		
Saturday	3	10	17	24	31	Saturday		7	14	21	28	Saturday	4	11	18	25		
Sunday	4	11	18	25	Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	Sunday	5	12	19	26			
March 2023					April 2023					May 2023								
Monday		6	13	20	27	Monday		3	10	17	24	Monday	1	8	15	22	29	
Tuesday		7	14	21	28	Tuesday		4	11	18	25	Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29	Wednesday		5	12	19	26	Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31	
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Saturday	4	11	18	25	Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	Saturday	6	13	20	27			
Sunday	5	12	19	26	Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	Sunday	7	14	21	28			
June 2023					July 2023					August 2023								
Monday		5	12	19	26	Monday		3	10	17	24	31	Monday		7	14	21	28
Tuesday		6	13	20	27	Tuesday		4	11	18	25	Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29	
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Sunday	4	11	18	25	Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	Sunday	6	13	20	27			
Academic Year Start Dates					Half Term break (Autumn)					Early Closure								
Friday 2 September Year 7, 12 only*					Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022					Thursday 15 September 2022 - 12.30pm								
Monday 5 September Year 7, 11, 12, 13					Half Term break (Spring)					Monday 26 June 2023 – 12.30pm								
Tuesday 6 September Year 7, 9, 11, 12, 13					Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2023													
Wednesday 7 September Year 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13					Half Term break (Summer)					Last Day of Term early closure								
Thursday 8 September ALL Year Groups					Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023					Friday 16 December 2022 – (School Closes 12.30pm/lunch available until 1.00pm)								
					Bank Holidays 2022/2023 (School Closed)					Tuesday 18 July 2023 – (School Closes 12.30pm/lunch available until 1.00pm)								
INSET Days 2022 to 2023					Monday 2 January 2023													
Thursday 1 September 2022					Monday 1 May 2023 (May Day)													
Thursday 1 December 2022																		
Wednesday 19 July 2023																		
Thursday 20 July 2023																		
Friday 21 July 2023																		