





### Term starts again on Monday 1 November 2021

To ensure a safe return to school, we will be completing Lateral Flow Tests with each Year group within a given time period on Monday 1 November 2021. Therefore, there will be a staggered start to the day.

### Plan for the day – Monday 1 November 2021

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
8.45 am	Arrive				Arrive
Period 1	Testing				Lesson
Period 2	Lesson				Testing
11.30 am	Lesson	Arrive	Arrive		Lesson
Period 3		Testing	Lesson		
Period 4	Lesson	Lesson	Testing		Lesson
2.10 pm	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Arrive	Lesson
Period 5				Testing	

If a positive Lateral Flow Test result is registered, the student will be directed to take a PCR Test to confirm if they have COVID-19.

Students will receive a single test unit for use in the Sports Hall upon their return to school. Should they require additional test kits, these can be collected from Student Reception, as usual.

Students on transport will come into school at their usual time, but will be required to wear a mask, where appropriate, until testing is complete. They will work with members of the Learning Support team until lesson and testing starts.

### COVID-19

We, here at the school and at Hampshire County Council, are aware of significant numbers of positive cases in school aged children across Hampshire. Many schools have reached a threshold in the Contingency Framework to seek additional support and guidance from the Department for Education.

The thresholds are five children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period and/or 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period.

There are baseline infection prevention and control measures that we have in place already as standard, while infection rates in the community remain high:

- Encourage at least twice weekly Lateral Flow Device (LFD) home testing for all staff and pupils.
- Self-isolation for anyone who tests positive.
- Promote the uptake of the 12-15 year-old COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Promote the uptake of the COVID-19 booster vaccinations for all eligible groups.
- Ensure good ventilation.
- Promote good hand hygiene.
- Reinforce messages on symptoms and self-isolation.

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On advice from the UK Health Security Agency and the Department for Education, I am writing to make clear the additional measures we might need to put into place should we reach this key threshold. These could include:

- Bringing back wearing of face coverings in indoor or communal spaces for students and staff.
- Daily LFD testing for siblings and household contacts of positive cases while waiting for result of PCR test – as long as they remain asymptomatic
- Increased daily testing for specific secondary age groups with high numbers of positive cases for a defined period, minimum five days, with the last day being a school day.
- One off round of LFD testing for a wider cohort in a secondary school.
- Staggered start/end arrangements.
- Limit residential visits, parents' evenings, open days, face-to-face meetings, transition events and productions.

We support the Contingency Framework which is clear that face-to-face education remains the overarching objective of guidance and policy.

We anticipate that these measures will have an impact on reducing the transmission of COVID-19 and protect education for all students.

**Key dates for next half term include:**

- Monday 1 November - Year 11 data assessment window opens.
- Monday 1 November - Au2 Enrichment sessions start.
- Saturday 13 November - PTA Coffee Morning (11.00 am).
- Monday 15 November - Nasal Flu Immunisation starts – all years.
- Wednesday 17 November - Meet the Tutor Evening - Years 8, 9 and 10.
- Wednesday 24 November - PTA Family Quiz.
- Wednesday 1 December - Year 11 Parents' Evening.
- Monday 6 December – PTA Meeting.
- Tuesday 14 December - Christmas Lunch in school.
- Wednesday 15 December - Christmas Cabaret – Main Hall.
- Friday 17 December - Term ends at 1.40 pm for students.

Yours sincerely

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