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Dear **Parent Title** **Parent Last Name**,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term.

I wanted to send a brief message this morning to draw your attention to the latest guidance from the Government, which arrived on Sunday morning.

Key points are:

- All pupils should now wear masks in all lessons and in communal spaces - in other words at all times when inside (unless sitting and eating in the dining room) this is due to be reviewed on 26th January.
- Staff will not need to wear masks when teaching.
- Isolation when testing positive has reduced (as elsewhere) to 7 days, but pupils can only return on day 7 if they have two negative tests 24 hours apart (day 6 and day 7) and no temperature or other symptoms.
- January external exams will still take place.

Other measures remain in place - pupils are encouraged to make frequent use of hand sanitiser and windows and doors will be kept open to aid ventilation. We are hoping to receive air-purifiers soon.

Testing arrangements for the start of term were shared in December but are repeated below. All pupils should take a lateral flow test at home, and provided this is negative report to school for an additional test at the time below. Return to school will be the following day, again provided the test is negative. Pupils should continue to test twice weekly during this term.

Online lessons will take place via Google Classroom – all pupils should have log-ins for this as it is the method they use for homework. Mobile phones can be used to access this if you don't have a pc or laptop. If your child struggles to access work, please do not worry, anything essential will be caught up on their return.

| | Tuesday 4th January 2022 | Wednesday 5th January 2022 |
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| Year 7 | Testing in school between 9:00 and 10:30 Online lessons rest of the day | In lessons as normal |
| Year 8 | Testing in school between 11:00 and 12:30 Online lessons rest of the day | In lessons as normal |
| Year 11 | Testing in school between 1:00 and 2:30 Online lessons rest of the day | In lessons as normal |

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Year 9 Online lessons all day

Testing in school between **9:00 and 10:30**

Online lessons rest of the day

Year 10 Online lessons all day

Testing in school between **11:00 and 12:30**

Online lessons rest of the day

Year 12 Online lessons all day

Testing in school between **1:00 and 2:30**

Online lessons rest of the day

Year 13 Online lessons all day

Testing in school between **1:00 and 2:30**

Online lessons rest of the day

If there are any further updates I will make sure I pass these on to you as soon as possible. Many thanks as always for your on-going support and should you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to get in touch,

Yours faithfully,

Jo Griffiths

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