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Dear Parents and Carers

LFD Testing in January 2022

At the end of November the Department for Education informed secondary schools that they were expected to test all students before their return to school in January.

The DfE have confirmed they support a limited staggered return to school in the New Year in order for school's to facilitate the testing.

In this letter I would like to confirm the testing date and first day of school for your children.

Year Group	Testing in School	Return to School
Years 11, 12 & 13	Wednesday 5 th January	Thursday 6 th January
Years 7 & 10	Thursday 6 th January	Friday 7 th January
Years 8 & 9	Friday 7 th January	Monday 10 th January

Students should arrive to school at their designated testing time through the student entrance (except Sixth Form students who should arrive at the Delaware Road entrance to the Singleton Centre). All students should bring a mobile phone with them so that they are able to register their test and receive their result by e-mail/text. **The timetable for tests is included in a separate attachment sent with this letter.**

Students will return home after completing their test and start school as indicated in the table above.

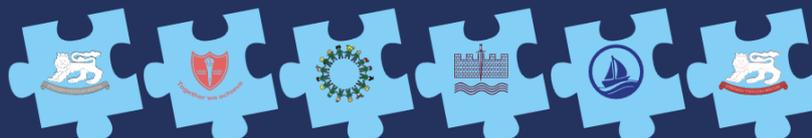
Testing is not compulsory; where the decision is not to test, students should still start school with their year group as shown above.

Consent

A link to a consent form is given below. Previous consent forms are no longer valid due to GDPR restrictions, so consent must be given even if it was given previously. Please complete the consent form by Tuesday 4th January 2022.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=S0wzjZzmbUC_H719FZZMVjhyRV_O4ZeBFoJVqB68V9LxUNFZBV1ZPOEIEUzRQVkJZnK0yVzIVRIIPWS4u

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Remote Learning

The first day of the new term for students would have been the 5th January and so there will be work set for all lessons missed due to the staggered start.

This work will be available on TEAMS and set by your child's class teachers with instructions on completion and return.

Some of our older students have examinations in January. For some of the earlier examinations there will be an opportunity for revision sessions on the 5th January. **If this is relevant for your child, they will be told by their teacher before the end of this week** and they should turn up for the first testing session on the morning on the 5th January so they can then stay in school for their revision. This is indicated on the testing timetable for years 11 and years 12 and 13.

Isolation

From yesterday the advice on isolation is that adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 to 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result.

I am sorry that we are again having to initiate a staggered start to a school term. This is not what we would choose to be doing; it is disruptive to families and a distraction from the school's core purpose. However, we will meet the expectations and do so in as limited a period as possible.

I recognise that there has been a lot of information to digest in this letter and the attachment; we will send out a reminder on the 4th January.

Best wishes



Ms C Costello
Headteacher