

8 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Start of Term Arrangements (Covid-19 Testing)

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

As this first term draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff and parents / carers for their incredible hard work this term in ensuring that despite the on-going challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, our young people continue to thrive and make fantastic progress.

Start of Term

As you may already be aware, the government has announced that upon return to school in January 2022, students should complete one on-site COVID-19 test. The purpose of this testing programme is to reduce the prevalence of COVID-19 within our school community and keep everyone safe. We strongly encourage all students to take part in our testing programme with their parent / carer's consent.

Students whose parents / carers **do not** wish for their child to take part in the testing programme should return to school on Tuesday 4 January 2022 at their normal time of 8.25am. Students should proceed to their form room as normal where they will complete form time and then follow their normal school timetable.

Students whose parents / carers **do** wish for their child to take part in the testing programme will return to school in line with the information provided below:

Year Group	Form Group	Return to School Date	Return to School Time
11	11.1	Tuesday 4 January	8:00am
11	11.2	Tuesday 4 January	8:30am
11	11.3	Tuesday 4 January	9:00am
11	11.4	Tuesday 4 January	9:30am
11	11.5	Tuesday 4 January	10:00am
11	11.6	Tuesday 4 January	10:30am
7	7.1	Tuesday 4 January	11:15am
7	7.2	Tuesday 4 January	11:45am
7	7.3	Tuesday 4 January	1:00pm
7	7.4	Tuesday 4 January	1:30pm
10	10.1	Tuesday 4 January	2:00pm
10	10.2	Tuesday 4 January	2:30pm
10	10.3	Tuesday 4 January	3:00pm
10	10.4	Wednesday 5 January	8:00am
10	10.5	Wednesday 5 January	8:30am
10	10.6	Wednesday 5 January	9:00am
9	9.1	Wednesday 5 January	9:30am
9	9.2	Wednesday 5 January	10:00am
9	9.3	Wednesday 5 January	10:30am
9	9.4	Wednesday 5 January	11:15am

9	9.5	Wednesday 5 January	11:45am
8	8.1	Wednesday 5 January	1:00pm
8	8.2	Wednesday 5 January	1:30pm
8	8.3	Wednesday 5 January	2:00pm
8	8.4	Wednesday 5 January	2:30pm

Upon arrival to school, students should proceed through the main student entrance, around the back of the building, enter through the Barnardo Wing and up to the Science Corridor where they will complete their on-site COVID-19 test. Once the test result is confirmed as being negative, students will join their normal class and follow their normal timetable for the rest of the school day. Should the result be positive, we will contact parents / carers and ask you to collect your child as soon as possible. In this scenario, a PCR test will need to be completed at a testing centre.

To take part in our on-site testing programme, we once again require consent. Please follow the link below to provide consent for your child <https://consent.tgat.org.uk>. **Where consent is not provided, we will expect that your child will attend school as normal on Tuesday 4 January.** All absences will be followed up in line with our normal attendance procedures.

Remote Learning

Where students who are awaiting their on-site test are not required to physically attend the school site for a period across the first two days of school, we will be providing remote learning. Students should access lessons via Microsoft Teams. Students will join their peers who are already in school remotely and engage in lessons in the same way as they did during previous lockdowns. In the lead up to the Christmas break, form tutors will provide students with training in relation to how to access lessons remotely.

Where your child does not have access to a suitable device at home to engage in remote learning, we are able to support with this through the loaning of a device over the Christmas period. Please email enquiries@johnsmeatonacademy.org.uk to request that a device is made available to your child no later than 15 December 2021. All devices should be returned to school when your child returns in January.

I hope that the above communication provides you with all of the information that you need in relation to both the end of this term and the beginning of next, however, if you have any questions, please email enquiries@johnsmeatonacademy.org.uk.

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Griffiths
Principal