

6 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### **January 2022 Return and on-site testing**

Detailed information for the January start of term arrangements will be shared with you before the end of term.

You may be aware that guidance for schools has been revised, aligned with the Government's response to the emergence of the new Omicron variant of Covid 19. Part of this new guidance includes secondary schools offering one lateral flow test to all students, on site, before returning to the classroom in January, in addition to testing twice weekly at home with self-testing kits.

We will send further communication out about the start to term. Due to testing the students, we will need to have a staggered start to the new year, following the training day on 4 January 2022. All students will return to school by Thursday 6 January 2022.

By testing we will help to reduce the spread of Covid 19 through asymptomatic transmission. I am therefore strongly encouraging those returning to school to be tested and to continue with self-testing at home on a twice weekly basis thereafter.

Lateral flow testing on site will be carried out via the same process as when schools reopened in September and all consents previously given for testing will be carried forward. If you wish to amend your preference please contact the school.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs T Peters  
Headteacher**