



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well. As promised in the newsletter on Friday, I wanted to communicate as early as possible information about the Lateral Flow testing of students on return in January. Due to our number of students, this will take place over the first week back.

In line with the latest DfE guidance, [Guidance for schools](#) for testing students before their return to school in January, we will once again be operating a phased return in order to carry out one on-site lateral flow test before students return full time. The table below provides information on how we are proposing to manage this for each year group. Further details regarding specific times for individuals will be sent out before the end of term, however, we want you to be aware of our planned timescales with as much notice as possible. Following this phased return all students will be back in school for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Below are the dates for testing:

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January** – Bank Holiday (students at home)

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – Inset Day (students at home apart from specific students notified individually)

	<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	Home MS Teams Live Lessons	Test in school then home Work on Class Charts	Return to school
<b>Year 8</b>	Home MS Teams Live Lessons	Home MS Teams Live Lessons	Test in school then home Work on Class Charts
<b>Year 9</b>	Home MS Teams Live Lessons	Home MS Teams Live Lessons	Test in school then home Work on Class Charts
<b>Year 10</b>	Home MS Teams Live Lessons	Test in school then home Work on Class Charts	Return to school
<b>Year 11</b>	Test in school then home Work on Class Charts	Return to school	Return to school
<b>Post-16</b>	Test in school then home Work on Class Charts	Return to school	Return to school

**Please note that students taking external exams in January will be invited into school for their test on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.** These specific students have external exams the following week and we will be providing revision classes for them on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. It is important that



these students are able to maximise their time in school before their exam. Parents of affected students will be notified of the intended times as soon as possible.

### **Home Learning**

As there will be some time when students are at home, we intend on providing home learning for the students. When students are at home, we will be looking to provide 'live lessons' via Microsoft Teams. When students are coming into school for a test then returning home, work will be provided on class charts for the students to complete. There may be a few exceptions to the 'live lessons' in that teachers are teaching a revision class in school, however in this circumstance, work will be placed on class charts to complete.

Before the end of term, we will be reminding students about the expectations of home learning and reminding them about the access arrangements of Microsoft Teams. Microsoft Teams can be accessed from a range of devices, however if your child does not have a device to enable them to access the internet and these packages we will look to loan one to them.

If you require the loan of a device in order to access on-line learning please fill in this form [Laptop Loan](#) The closing date for requests will be Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm.

### **Finally**

Thank you once again for your understanding. We are very aware that we are still constantly having to make adaptations due to COVID, however, please be assured that we will always do our very best to ensure children's education and safety is always prioritised.

As always, do feel free to contact us if you have any further questions.

With thanks,

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