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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all managed to stay well and enjoyed the Christmas break. This is just a brief note to remind and clarify back to school arrangements for the spring term.

Tomorrow, Tuesday 4th January is a Teacher Training Day and there is onsite LFD testing for our Year 7 and 8 pupils. All pupils will then begin the spring term on Wednesday 5th January.

Please see the table below for tomorrow's Year 7 and 8 testing appointment times, we strongly encourage pupils to attend their appointment as this will minimise the possibility of Covid transmission as we return to school.

Class	Surname	Time	Class	Surname	Time
7EA	A - M	09:45	8TH	A - M	12:45
	N - Z	10:00		N - Z	13:00
7JLX	A - M	10:15	8DB	A - M	13:15
	N - Z	10:30		N - Z	13:30
7RM	A - M	11:00	8JB	A - M	14:00
	N - Z	11:15		N - Z	14:15
7FH	A - M	11:30	8CCU	A - M	14:30
	N - Z	11:45		N - Z	14:45

Testing will take place in the Room A5 – The Annexe Science Lab. Pupils should enter via the main Annexe entrance, and leave via the Annexe rear doors. Please arrive during your designated time slot.

Government guidance released yesterday states that pupils who have recently recovered from Covid-19 should take a LFD test, this is a change to previous guidance which advised not to retest for 90 days after infection. We encourage Year 5 and 6 pupils to take a LFD test at home before returning to school.

Also, you will be aware that isolation rules have changed. Children and fully vaccinated adults who have tested positive for Covid-19 can end isolation after 7 days if they test negative on a Lateral Flow Device on day 6 and day 7 of isolation. They can therefore return to school on day 8. Pupils who have been identified as a close contact do not need to isolate if they have no symptoms, but should take a lateral flow test each day for 7 days and arrange a PCR test during that time. Pupils with symptoms of Covid-19 should NOT attend school.

Year 7 and 8 pupils must continue to wear face covering in school and we also recommend them for our younger pupils too. Covid transmission amongst younger pupils has increased in recent months. Pupils should provide their own masks.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, or if you need support in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Fingers crossed for a great term!

Regards

Richard Oades

Headteacher