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Dear Parent / Carer

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TESTING OF STUDENTS AND A PHASED RETURN TO FACE TO FACE TEACHING FROM 4 JANUARY 2022

Like all schools across the country, we have been asked to test members of the student community, whose parents have given consent, on return to school in January 2022. I am writing to give you information on how this will work for us. It is important to stress that if:

- As a parent / carer you have not given consent for your child to be tested, then do not bring or send your child into school until the return to face to face teaching date.
- If your child has had COVID-19 in the last 90 days before the 4 January 2022, then your child should not be tested using a LFD test.

This is how the process will operate as from 4 January 2022:

- All students will have a phased return to face to face teaching in January.
- When students are not physically in school, we will put into place remote learning using Microsoft Teams for all classes. This will include Fidei time and live lessons commencing from 8.45 am until 3.00 pm every day. Students will follow their normal timetable for those days identified. On the morning or afternoon that students will be tested, their Fidei time and lessons will not run.
- On the morning or afternoon specified, students are only expected to attend for their test and will return home immediately afterwards. Students do not need to wear school uniform to be tested. Students will be given additional LFD testing kits as they leave.
- As the government has moved to its plan B ahead of Christmas, it is vital that all students whose parents have given consent do attend and continue to take part in the twice weekly testing using an LFD kit. For more information on this, please click on the link here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-confirms-move-to-plan-b-in-england>
- We will begin to roll out digital devices to those students who do not have a laptop or tablet over the course of the next week, so that any student who is in this position will bring a loaned school laptop home by the end of the week.

Over the page, you will see a timetable of how this will look.

As always, may I thank you for your continued support in these times. Please stay safe and well over the festive period.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Johnson
Vice Principal

If you require this information in a different format, please contact the school.



TIMETABLE FOR TESTING AND RETURNING TO FACE TO FACE LESSONS JANUARY 2022

Year Group	Date and day of testing	Date and day of return to face to face teaching in school	When will Fidei Time and Lessons be on Teams?
All Post 16 students	Tuesday 4 January from 10.00 am until 12.00 pm Students will remain in school if LFD negative, and will complete personal study until 12.15 pm	All Trinity travel and teaching commences from 12.15 pm on Tuesday 4 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable
All Year 11 students	Tuesday 4 January from 12.30 pm until 3.00 pm	Wednesday 5 January from 8.40 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday morning lessons until 12.00pm
All Year 10 students	Wednesday 5 January from 8.30 am until 12.00 pm	Thursday 6 January from 8.40 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday all day • Wednesday afternoon from 12.30 pm
All Year 9 students	Wednesday 5 January from 12.30 pm until 3.00 pm	Thursday 6 January from 8.40 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday all day • Wednesday morning until 12.00 pm
All Year 8 students	Thursday 6 January from 8.30 am until 12.00 pm	Friday 7 January from 8.40 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday all day • Wednesday all day • Thursday afternoon from 12.30 pm
All Year 7 students	Thursday 6 January from 12.30 pm until 3.00 pm	Friday 7 January from 8.40 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday all day • Wednesday all day • Thursday morning until 12.00 pm

All students will be physically back in school and receiving face to face lessons from Friday 7 January 2022.

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