

December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We continue to follow the updates regarding the emergence of the "Omicron" variant of Covid-19, and we will continue to monitor any updates from the Government that may impact school.

As per our letter last week, please note that in line with Department of Education guidance we will be **testing pupils once on-site on Wednesday 5th January**. After this test, pupils should continue to test in line with government guidelines (information regarding home testing can be found on the school website on the [Covid-19 information tab](#) and students can collect further home test kits from reception)

Please **find attached the specific timings of bus pick-ups** for the day. These can be found on the school website on the Covid-19 information tab.

If your child does not travel on a bus (e.g. walks to school from Witchford or is dropped off) please ensure that they access the College between **1.00pm – 2.00pm to be tested**.

Please find a reminder below of the arrangements for the start of term in January:

Tuesday 4th January	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 5th January	Covid-19 Testing Day – Students tested and return home
Wednesday 5th January	Key Year 11 Students only to return for Intervention. <i>Students will be contacted by Mr Harrison by 15th December if this applies to them</i>
Thursday 6th January	School returns as normal for all students (Week A)

Key Reminders:

- Students arriving on site will make their way to the **Humanities block** through the side gate by the tennis courts. There they will be registered and given instructions on how to administer their test.
- The test will take 20-30 minutes in duration.
- Following the test, students will go straight home via the bus that they arrived on.
- Students will only be able to be tested if the **parental consent form** has been completed. If consent has previously been given since January 2020 then this still remains valid. However, if you wish to withdraw your child's consent then you will need to email office@wvc.tela.org.uk
- Students **will not** need to wear school uniform for this test but should ensure they are wearing warm clothing.
- In the event that a student tests positive while still at College, they will not be allowed to return home on the school bus and will be isolated on site. We will contact the student's parents/carers who will need to collect the student from school as soon as practically possible.
- Students will not be expected to complete virtual learning on this day.

Note: If a student has had a positive PCR test within the last 90 days, then the LFD and PCR test may remain positive even if they are not infectious, therefore it is recommended that they should not restart asymptomatic testing unless they have new symptoms. Students should start testing again at the end of 90 days after the date of their positive test.

Thursday 6th January

- All students will be required to attend school as usual from this date onwards in full school uniform and students will be expected to wear masks in communal areas such as corridors unless they are exempt. They are not expected to wear masks outside or in the classroom.

If you have any queries regarding the student testing on return to College, please contact Mr Harrison nharrison@wvc.tmet.org.uk

Regards,

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