

13th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Arrangements for the last week of Term

I write to you this evening against a background of accelerating concern about the latest variant of Coronavirus. Last week there were eight positive PCR test results reported across the entire school. On that evidence we had planned to hold some end of term assemblies and also to provide a reward for the House which had accumulated the highest number of points this term. Such plans, however, no longer look sensible.

We are still going to mark the success of the leading House with the chance to see a Christmas film, but that will be done in its year groups rather than a gathering all its members in the theatre. We have worked hard to re-launch the house system and have been pleased by the level of involvement in the weekly house competitions. The reward for the winning house is designed to emphasise that students are part of a team as well as being individuals.

Friday is a non-uniform day and we will finish at 1.20 pm, the end of period 4. Students are asked to contribute at least £1 each, either through on a donation on Parent Pay or by bringing the cash into school. The money raised will be passed to the Droitwich Food Bank.

Returning to School – January 2022

In January we are required to offer an onsite lateral flow test to every student before they return. The tests will be conducted in the Sports Hall here at the school. The testing programme will be as follows:

| | LFT Test | Return to School |
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| Year 8 | Thursday 6 th January | Friday 7 th January |
| Year 9 | Thursday 6 th January | Friday 7 th January |
| Year 10 | Wednesday 5 th January | Thursday 6 th January |
| Year 11 | Wednesday 5 th January | Thursday 6 th January |
| Year 12 | Tuesday 4 th January | Wednesday 5 th January |
| Year 13 | Tuesday 4 th January | Wednesday 5 th January |

It is being organised around tutor groups and you will find at the foot of this letter the times when your son or daughter's tutor group should attend. If you are bringing them by car please drop them off in the bus bay or at the back of the Leisure Centre.

Testing requires parental consent for each individual. If your child was offered a test in September, you can use the Arbor Parent App to alter the decision which you made then. If your position remains as it was in September, you need take no further action.

Work will be set by subject teachers for the days when students are not in school.

Beyond these initial tests lie the realities of the Spring term. Once again we aim to strike a compromise between normal secondary education and a respect for the risks which have become so familiar. This

compromise will mean that usual movement around the school is possible and full use can be made of our specialist facilities. On the other hand, we shall continue to:

- strongly recommend the routine of twice weekly testing at home
- maintain our programme of additional cleaning
- maintain a good level of ventilation wherever it is possible
- support any student considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable or whose home includes someone else in that situation. (If you have a particular concern please contact our attendance officer Lisa Jacobs at JacobsLJ@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk)
- expect the use of face coverings in public areas

It has been good to have a term of normal attendance and uninterrupted face to face teaching. Our students have responded enthusiastically and positively; we are grateful for your support in encouraging them to embrace their opportunities at school.

I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,



Natalie Waters

Rota for Lateral Flow Testing January 2022

| Tuesday 4th January | | | Wednesday 5th January | | | Thursday 6th January | | |
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| 11:00 AM | 13HAH | 12ANP | 9:00 AM | 10TFS | 11SB | 9:00 AM | 9FJL | 8IED |
| 11:30 AM | 13GCH | 12AT1 | 9:30 AM | 10SAR | 11JEW | 9:30 AM | 9KLS | 8MYT |
| 12:00 PM | 13AH | 12ECD | 10:00 AM | 10CMR | 11RHB | 10:00 AM | 9DGB | 8HJM |
| 12:30 PM | 13AT | 12JHS | 10:30 AM | 10JB | 11JJH | 10:30 AM | 9DS | 8SJG |
| 1.30 PM | 13LSL | 12JT | 11:30 AM | 10LMJ | 11DCC | 11:30 AM | 9CEM | 8KAR |
| 2.00 PM | 13MCT | 12JDC | 12:00 PM | 10CT | 11ADM | 12:00 PM | 9SSD | 8LNH |
| | | | 12:30 PM | 10ES | 11AJH | 12:30 PM | 9HSF | 8SDS |
| | | | 1:30 PM | 10DAM | 11RLS | 1:30 PM | 9TCT | 8RDW |
| | | | 2:00 PM | 10MDD | 11LAH | 2:00 PM | 9CMJ | 8HLR |
| | | | 2:30 PM | 10SAG | 11HAB | 2:30 PM | 9TAR | 8KAS |
| | | | | | | 3.00 PM | 8FS | 8LR |