

2nd January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Returning to School – January 2022

I hope that you have been able to enjoy the Christmas break with your families. Few of us, however, can have been unaware of the increasing concern nationally about the spread of the Omicron variant. The figures for Wychavon, Bromsgrove and Worcester, all with a very steep upward trend, are an additional local concern.

It is against this background that the high school begins to reopen on Wednesday. Please note the following details.

1. Lateral flow testing by year groups

As already notified, every student is to be offered a Lateral Flow Test on site on their return after the holiday. Our reopening is being phased over three days to enable these tests to be carried out. The scheme, with its detailed arrangements for each year group and each tutor group, is at the foot of this letter.

2. Drop in Vaccination Clinic at Westlands Community Centre

This clinic will run from 10 am to 5 pm on Wednesday 5th January and will provide first or second or booster vaccinations to anyone who is eligible. Booking is not required.

3. Face Coverings in Lessons

The Government has announced that it expects all students in schools such as our own to wear face coverings in lessons. We shall be implementing this at the high school from the start of term.

4. Self-isolation after testing positive

With some exceptions, the standard period of self-isolation after a positive PCR test result is now seven days. (It used, as many of you know all too well, to be ten days.) This means that students may return to school on day eight provided they have had two negative lateral flow tests on days six and seven. The exceptions are cases where someone continues to have either symptoms or a positive lateral flow test result on either day six or day seven. In such cases the full ten days of self-isolation is required.

5. Looking Ahead

I hardly need say that face to face teaching relies upon the availability of teachers. Also essential to the day to day running of our site is the work of a large number of support staff.

We cannot expect every one of these crucial individuals to escape this latest outbreak. Some adjustments to our normal routines and services may be necessary. I shall do my best to sustain a normal experience for our students so far as it is safe and practical. Where this cannot happen, I will of course let you know.

With my best wishes for 2022,

Yours sincerely,



Natalie Waters

Rota for Lateral Flow Testing January 2022

	LFT Test	Return to School
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

Tuesday 4th January			Wednesday 5th January			Thursday 6th January		
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