

ParentMail Communication sent 14 December 2021

Covid-19 Update

Dear Parents and Carers

We had grown to miss no-notice changes to Covid-19 procedures, but we have been handed one, for old times' sake! Yesterday (Monday), changes were announced that affect schools immediately.

The Change - Rest of Term

From today, any student notified by NHS test and trace that they are a close contact of a positive case should:

- Take a lateral flow test at home, every day, for 7 days
- Record the result with the government [here](#)
- Record the results with the school [here](#)
- Attend school if the test is negative

If they test positive, they should:

- Order a PCR test
- If this is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days
- If this is negative they should go back and continue the seven days of daily lateral flow testing, self-isolating if the result is positive

Meanwhile, would all staff and students please continue regular, twice weekly testing, and log your results with school [here](#)

As ever, the school provides boxes of 7 tests. These are freely available from Reprographics.

Student Mass Testing – January 2022

We will be offering tests to every single student in the school on 4th and 5th January, before they return to school on 6th January. We wrote to you about this yesterday.

The Change - Next Term

From 6th January 2022, any student notified by NHS test and trace that they are a close contact of a positive case should:

- Take a lateral flow test at home or at school, every day, for 7 days
- Record the result with the government [here](#) (the school will log results of tests taken in school)
- Record the results with the school [here](#) (the school will log results of tests taken in school)
- Attend school if the test is negative
- Students testing positive in school will be sent home

If students test positive, they should:

- Order a PCR test
- If this is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days
- If this is negative they should go back and continue the seven days of daily lateral flow testing, self-isolating if the result is positive

Always

Please would all staff and students please continue regular, twice weekly testing, and log your results with school [here](#)

As ever, the school provides boxes of 7 tests. These are freely available from Reprographics.

We will send reminders regularly about the latest procedures and the availability of testing kits in school.

Best wishes

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