



Windsor High School and Sixth Form

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Parent letter January 2022 return (parent letters 2021-22)

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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope you have enjoyed a restful Winter break.

You may have seen and heard via various news outlets that the Department for Education has announced a number of updates and recommendations for how schools should operate following our return to the Spring term. The following is a guide to how these will affect us here at Windsor.

Lateral Flow Testing

We have already communicated to you our plans to undertake on site Lateral Flow Testing for our students as they return after the holiday. As a reminder, the times and dates for each year group are outlined below:

Test date and year group being tested	Year groups In School
Tuesday 4 th January – 13 / 12 / 11	Year 13 exams have been scheduled to begin at 10.30am allowing Year 13 students to be tested, leave and return after negative result obtained. If they prefer to remain in school they will be socially distanced on site.
Wednesday 5 th January – 10 / 9	11 / 12 lessons as normal all day 13 – Trial exams continue as planned
Thursday 6 th January – 7 / 8	9 / 10 / 11 / 12 lessons as normal all day 13 – Trial exams continue as planned
Friday 7 th January	All in normal lessons 13 – Trial exams continue as planned



This will create a staggered start to the term and therefore work can be found via the following link for students should they need it when not in school.

<https://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/remote-learning-january-2022-ks3-4-and-5/>

It is hoped that this strategy will help boost testing participation and reduce transmission after a period of social mixing during the holidays.

Twice weekly testing

In addition, we continue to strongly encourage all our community to test twice weekly at home and to report all the results to us in school and the NHS. This is designed to catch any possible cases of Covid-19 at the earliest stage and reduce the chances of transmission in school. The Report log in can be found below:

<https://testregister.co.uk/login>

Self-isolation guidance

There has been some change to the guidance for the self-isolation needed following a positive case of Covid-19. DFE inform us:

“Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).”

Remote Learning for students who are self-isolating

If a student is self-isolating but is well enough to complete learning at home, work will be uploaded onto their Google Classrooms. If a student does not have access to a device, please contact the school for support.

Daily testing for close contacts of a positive case of Covid-19

DFE guidance tells us:

“People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.”

Face Coverings

There have been some changes to guidance surrounding the use of face coverings in education settings. It is now recommended that face coverings are worn in classrooms by all students. The advice is short term only, to support us as we return to school this term, and builds on the existing protocol that recommends face coverings are also worn in corridors and communal areas of school. Advice on face coverings in classrooms will be in place until Wednesday 26 January when a governmental review will occur. We will use the weekly newsletter to update you as required. Please ensure your child brings their own face covering to school as we have a limited supply and may not be able to provide one.

I hope this goes some way to updating you on current guidance. We will of course continue with the multitude of other strategies designed to limit the spread of Coronavirus in school, such as increased cleaning and hygiene procedures and maintaining good ventilation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and understanding at this time. By working together we have ensured that we have kept cases of Covid-19 low at Windsor. Our working protocols will continue to mitigate against any further spread.

Please contact us should you require any further guidance or support.

Yours faithfully



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