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Dear Student, Parent / Carer

## Start of Spring Term Arrangements

The DfE has asked us to carry out one Covid LFT, per student, as the students start back in January. To accommodate this testing, we must stagger our return but we are keeping the disruption to the barest minimum. Below is a list of the return dates for year groups and I have also added the LFT timetable which includes times that students should report to the Sports Hall. Students who have tested positive for COVID must not do a LFT for 90 days. Students not undertaking an LFT, for any reason, should start back on the date and time below. We have parental consent from September but will check any we are unsure of by telephone on the day.

- Students in Years 11,12 and 13 will come to school for their LFT on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, returning home after their test. Assuming the result is negative, these year groups will start lessons at 8.30am on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.
- Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will come to school for their LFT on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, returning home after their test. Assuming the result is negative, these year groups will start lessons at 8.30am on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January.
- Students in Year 7 will come to school for their test on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January and, assuming their test is negative, they will stay in school and start their lessons.

I am anticipating that the DfE will still mandate the use of masks in corridors and social areas. Please ensure your child has a supply of masks (in a single colour – white or a dark colour) ready for the start of term.



Hand hygiene continues to be of paramount importance; we will continue to keep hand sanitizer available in school. It will be cold in January and windows and doors will remain open. Please ensure your child wears sufficient layers beneath their sweatshirt / hoodie to stay warm.



Un-expected visitors will still be met at the door. If you would like to come in and see a member of staff, please make an appointment in advance.

I hope you all manage to have a COVID free, happy and restful break!

Kind Regards

Ian McArthur Headteacher

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