

Dear Student, Parent / Carer

Start of Spring Term Arrangements – UPDATED 2-1-22

Happy new year; I hope everyone has had a relaxing Christmas Break. This is an updated version of the letter I sent out, via email, on the 14th December. I received an email from the DfE this morning outlining some important changes to the guidance around COVID mitigations on schools. The staggered start times have already been communicated to parents and, for ease, I have added them to this letter also. Guidance changes have been highlighted.

The first change to the guidance is around students who have tested positive for COVID in the last 90 days. As of today, anyone who has tested positive can start to take LFTs again once their period of self-isolation is over. This change in guidance allows for the new shortened self-isolation, 10 days to 7 days, if you have had two negative LFTs – more about this to follow once term has started. Students not undertaking an LFT, for any reason, should start back on the date and time below (highlighted in yellow). 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 4th January, returning home after their test. Assuming the result is negative, these year groups will start lessons at 8.30am on Wednesday 5th January.
- Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will come to school for their LFT on Wednesday 5th January, returning home after their test. Assuming the result is negative, these year groups will start lessons at 8.30am on Thursday 6th January.
- Students in Year 7 will come to school for their test on Thursday 6th January and, assuming their test is negative, they will stay in school and start their lessons.

The second major change is around the wearing of face masks. The DfE has extended the use of masks to include lessons as well as in corridors and social areas – this will be until 26th January in the first instance. Please ensure your child has a supply of masks (in a single colour – white or a dark colour) ready for the start of term. If your child is exempt from wearing face masks, he/she must either wear the correct lanyard or carry a note signed by a parent. Members of the Senior Leadership Team will check with students who are not wearing face masks.

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.

Kind Regards



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 Headteacher

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Mass Rapid COVID-19 Testing @ Paulet High School – Tuesday 4th January – Thursday 6th January

	Tuesday 4 th January	Wednesday 5 th January	Thursday 6 th January
Year 7			Test in school; then stay in school
Year 8		Test in school; then go home	Term starts – 8.30am
Year 9		Test in school; then go home	Term starts – 8.30am
Year 10		Test in school; then go home	Term starts – 8.30am
Year 11	Test in school; then go home	Term starts – 8.30am	
Year 12	Test in school; then go home	Term starts – 8.30am	
Year 13	Test in school; then go home	Term starts – 8.30am	

Test time slots – please arrive on time; walk through the car park to the Sports Hall.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.30-8.50 for surnames A – C 8.50-9.10 for surnames D – H 9.30-9.50 for surnames I – P 9.50-10.10 for surnames Q – S 10.10-10.30 for surnames T – Z 	Years 11, 8, 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.40-11.00 for surnames A – C 11.00-11.20 for surnames D – H 11.40-12.00 for surnames I – P 12.00-12.20 for surnames Q – S 12.20-12.40 for surnames T – Z 	Years 12, 13, 9, 10