

31 December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We trust this finds you and your families well. We are sharing our modified return to school plans in advance to help support families with any planning required. We are mindful of taking some measured steps to ensure we minimise the potential impact of the latest COVID strain.

Returning to school safely

All safety precautions and protocols in place from Term 2 remain, with the addition of two further safety measures beginning from 5 January before being tested

- **All students must return a negative LFD test prior to returning to school. This should be reported to the school via classcharts. Should your child test positive, do not send them to school and book a PCR test.**
- **Students are to wear a mask (unless exempt) on their first day back, including in classrooms, until a negative LFD test is confirmed.**

Testing

Testing will begin when students return as per the timetable below. Students will take a single test in school between 5 January - 7 January with a supervised adult to support effective testing. Once a negative test result is confirmed and all students in the year group have been tested, students will return to their curriculum classes. Where a child tests positive, we will call home and ask for the child to be collected from The Leaf.

If your child has tested positive in the last 90 days, please inform us [here](#). Your child will not be expected to complete a lateral flow test upon their return.

Our phased return of students

In shaping our return and carrying out over 1000 first tests, we have taken into account the safety of students and staff and our bus transport to and from St Katherine's. A huge thank you once again to our parent/carer volunteers who are supporting us with our testing.

- School bus services will run as normal and all students must wear a mask (unless exempt) and sit in their allocated seat.
- Students in Year 10 and Year 8 who live locally or get a lift to school can support the school by arriving at their testing time from the start of Period 3/11:20am.
- Work will be set on Google Classroom to consolidate learning and minimise disruption to learning.

Timetable for return from 5 January

Date	Year Group	Time of return	Notes
Wednesday 5 January	13 11 10	8.30am	Year 13 to tutor rooms. Year 11 to tutor rooms. Year 10 to the canteen. Testing from 11.20am (if not using the school bus service then Year 10 may arrive on site at 11.20).
Thursday 6 January	12 9 8 13,11,10	8.30am	Year 12 to tutor rooms. Year 9 to tutor rooms. Year 8 to the canteen. Testing from 11.20am (if not using the school bus service then Year 8 may arrive on site at 11.20). Tutor time and lessons as per their timetable
Friday 7 January	7 13,11,10 12,9,8	8.30am	Year 7 to tutor rooms. Tutor time and lessons as per their timetable Tutor time and lessons as per their timetable

Thank you once again for your continued support and we wish you all a Happy New Year.

Best wishes



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