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10th December 2022

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) – UPDATED INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

I hope you are well. Further to last week’s newsletter, I am now able to share with you more information about the start of term in January.

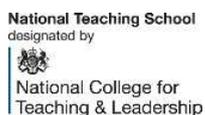
Asymptomatic Testing & Phased Return to College in January

The latest DfE guidance is that all secondary schools should offer students one on-site asymptomatic test on their return to school in January. Furthermore, schools that start on Tuesday 4th January will not be able to begin testing early, as the previous day is a bank holiday. This means that secondary schools are able to stagger the return to school in the first week to accommodate one on-site test.

As on previous occasions, we are offering students the opportunity to come into College for their test, and for them to go straight back home afterwards. This will mean that any student who has already had their test will be able to go to their first lesson when their Year group returns the following day. As we did in March & September, we have allocated slots for different Year groups, and alphabetically by surname, between Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th January:

Date	8:30 – 9:30	9:30 – 10:30	10:30 – 11:30	12:00 – 1:00	1:00 – 2:00	2:00 – 2:45	2:45 -3:30
Tues 4th January	Year 10 (Surname A-I)	Year 10 (Surname J-Z)	Year 11 (Surname A-I)	Year 11 (Surname J-Z)	Years 12/13 (Surname A-I)	Years 12/13 (Surname J-Z)	
Wed 5th January	Years 10 -13 (still to be tested)	Year 7 (Surname A-I)	Year 7 (Surname J-Z)	Year 8 (Surname A-I)	Year 8 (Surname J-Z)	Year 9 (Surname A-I)	Year 9 (Surname J-Z)
Thurs 6th January	Years 7 - 9 (still to be tested)						

For the tests, students should come to College Reception, via Brooklands Avenue, and they will be directed to the testing area, where they will receive their test, and then return to the Car Park to go straight back home. If a parent or carer is driving their child to the test and the particular timeslot does not suit, please do get in touch and we will try and arrange an alternative time on their allocated day. Where students (with consent) cannot attend their test, the following arrangements apply:



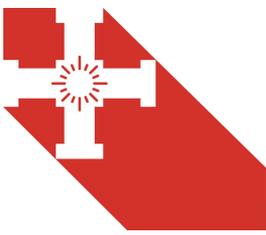
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- Students returning to College for the first time, from 5th January, who have not yet had their test, should go directly to the Main Hall, to sit and wait for their test
- Students will have their test and wait for the result
- If the result returns a negative, they will go straight to lessons; if it is positive, they will need to be collected by parents / carers

If you have already consented for previous on-site testing, then we do not need your consent again. It is imperative, however, that anyone who has not already given consent, who wants to do so, completes the [electronic consent form](#), before 8am on Tuesday 4th January, if you want your child to participate in the testing programme. If students are 16 or over, they can complete the consent form themselves, but they should discuss their participation with a parent or carer first. Please have this conversation with your child regardless of age and remember that while testing is voluntary it is strongly encouraged. If we do not receive your completed consent by that time, your child will not be able to participate in the testing programme. **Those students who do not have consent for testing should come to College on the designated day for the return of their Year group and go to registration and lessons as normal.**

The schedule for the return of different Year groups, into College for physical lessons, is as follows:

- **Wednesday 5th January – Years 10, 11, 12 & 13**
- **Thursday 6th January – All Year groups, including Years 7, 8 & 9**

On Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th January, our Remote Learning Policy will apply to students in Years 7 – 9, with appropriate work being set on Show My Homework. Work will be set on Show My Homework, for Years 10 – 13, on Tuesday 4th January.

Face-Coverings

Current Government guidance is that, *'Where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by pupils, staff and adult visitors when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas. This is a temporary measure. Pupils in these schools should also wear a face covering when travelling on public transport and dedicated transport to and from school. We do not advise that pupils and staff wear face coverings in classrooms.'*

Arrangements for Severe Weather

We are at that time of year again, when there is the possibility of snow or other extreme weather. Arrangements for severe weather can be found on the College website, [here](#). As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, all schools now have much more experience of remote learning, which means that in the event of severe weather causing closure of the College, our Remote Learning Policy will apply, but only from Day 2 of any closure. This is to allow any staff or students who have attempted to make the journey into College, to make their way home. On the first day of any closure, work for all students will be set on Show My Homework.



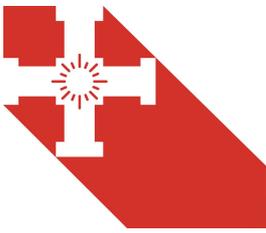
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End of Term Arrangements

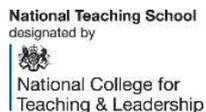
College closes to all students at the slightly earlier time of 2.10pm on Friday 17th December. Our sixth-form students are preparing a virtual quiz for each Form group to participate in, and Friday will also be a non-uniform / Christmas jumper day, with a £1 donation to our India Clinic.

As always, thank you very much for your continued support. If you do have questions about any of the issues above, please feel free to email my PA, Mrs Metheringham, at principalpa@allhallows.org.uk

Have a happy and peaceful Christmas.

God Bless

Tim Beesley



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