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3rd January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Return to School

Further to the previous letters dated 9th and 17th December, please find below reminders about the start of term and the arrangements for completing on-site lateral flow testing:-

Face Coverings:- In line with the latest government advice, all students and staff are to continue wearing a face covering in classrooms as well as communal areas (unless exempt). A face covering is also to be worn by students using the school bus services. Please ensure your child has a suitable face covering / mask (unless exempt).

Lateral Flow testing:- We will be completing lateral flow testing in school as previously advised but would also ask that students complete a lateral flow test at home before coming into school. We are, of course, aware of the current shortages in home test kits so do appreciate that this may not be possible for all students.

In light of the latest guidance from the DfE, we will be completing on-site lateral flow testing for all students for whom we have consent, regardless of whether they have tested positive on a PCR test in the last 90 days.

Arrangements for the staggered start to enable on-site lateral flow testing are as follows:-

Wednesday 5th January - Students in **Years 7, 10 and 11 only** will return to school as follows:-

	8.00am to 8.30am	10.00am	11.15am	1.15pm
Wednesday 5th January	Year 7, 10 and 11 students who use the bus services	Year 11 on foot / by car	Year 10 on foot / by car	Year 7 on foot / by car

Students in Years 7, 10 and 11 who are not taking part in lateral flow testing, should arrive at the normal time and wait in the playground for the start of the day.

Thursday 6th January - Students in **Years 8 and 9** will return to school as follows:-

	8.00am to 8.30am	From 10am	11.15am
Thursday 6th January	Year 8 and 9 students who use the bus services	Year 9 on foot / by car	Year 8 on foot / by car

Students in Years 8 and 9 who are not taking part in lateral flow testing, should arrive at the normal time and wait in the playground for the start of the day.

Full details of the arrangements for the 5th and 6th January can be found [here](#)

If your child is currently isolating following a positive PCR result or is awaiting the result of a PCR test, please advise the main office using parents@holbrookacademy.org or leave a message on the absence line – 01473 328317.

Please continue to follow the latest government advice on Covid-19 which can be found here - <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

We look forward to welcoming students back to school and thank you again for your continuing support in keeping the Holbrook Academy community safe.

Yours sincerely,



Tom Maltby