



Thursday 16 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this term ends, we reflect on how much our students and staff have enjoyed a return to normality in school and the chance to participate in extra-curricular activities. Thank you to parents, carers and families for their support throughout this period of continued uncertainty.

We are relieved that positive Covid-19 cases across this first term have remained comparatively low and recognise that this is due in no small part to staff and student compliance with agreed safety measures, regular testing and reporting and timely communication from our families. A copy of the latest government guidance for parents and carers can be found here: [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges)

The school term ends Tuesday 21 December at 3:20pm. In the New Year, the planned return of students will be staggered across the first two days, to allow for mass testing those students for whom we have consent.

**Wednesday 5 January** – Year 7, 8, 11 and Sixth Form students are to return to school at the normal time. Year 9 and 10 students are to remain at home accessing education remotely. **Thursday 6 January** – all students are to return to school at the normal time. On both days, those students for whom we have consent will undergo LFD testing in school.

We require all parents and carers to submit a consent to testing form, even if they have filled one in previously. The form can be found on this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/FE1VFYZFtx> and **must be completed by 10:00am, Monday 20 December**. A related privacy notice, which we require you to read, can be found with this letter on the school website.

Can I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that with effect from 5 January, **all students in year 10 and year 11** can wear a badged jumper and are not required to wear a blazer. The badged jumper is available from our uniform stockists and is priced at approximately £15 depending on size. There is no need for parents and carers of year 10 students to purchase a jumper, they can continue to wear their blazer for the remainder of the academic year if they wish to. This is merely an alternative if students prefer to wear a badged jumper instead of or in addition to the blazer.

When we return in January, we would appreciate it if parents and carers do not drive onto the school site to pick up children, unless disabled access is needed. Parking is also not permitted on the zig zagged areas at both entrances on Ormonde Drive. Thank you in advance for cooperation and support in this matter.

We will be sending out our end of term newsletter on Monday but in the meantime, can I once again thank you for your continued support and wish you and your families a peaceful, restful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

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