



4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Return to School Arrangements January 2022.**

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year! I hope you are safe and well. I wrote to you in December with our arrangements for return which can be found below and remain unchanged. In addition, the following updates have been provided by the government, over the last couple of days regarding the January return to school for pupils. The most important action for us all this week is pre-school testing. This will mean we all do our best to stay away from school if we have Covid, which in turn will reduce absence rates across the school.

- **Masks – updated guidance:** Following Government advice on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, **face coverings must be worn in classrooms** as well as in communal areas. The advice is short term only, to support pupils and teachers as they return to school this term to deliver face to face learning. Please ensure that your child brings two masks with them into school each day. If your child is medically exempt from wearing a face mask, please share your medical exemption evidence with the school pastoral office. All pupils who are exempt from wearing a face mask **MUST** wear a school issued exemption lanyard. The key reasons for exemption in school are: people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability, people for whom putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause severe distress, people speaking to or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expressions to communicate. Face coverings do not have to be worn outdoors or while in PE lessons. Pupils must wear a face covering if travelling on public transport to and from school.
- **Regular testing at home:** This remains our first line of defense against the virus spreading within school and I would ask that you help your child and see the vital importance of testing. Parents are strongly encouraged to ensure that you undertake a lateral flow test with your child twice a week and record the results on the NHS website. There are some pupils in school who cannot test as they have been positive in the last 90 days.
- **Positive test result and self-isolation:** Pupils must only self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19. They should take a lateral flow test on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 8.

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- **Track & Trace arrangements:** Education settings are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing. All close contacts of a positive case will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace. Please use this facility if your son/daughter tests positive for COVID-19.
- **Identification as close contact to an individual who has tested positive:** A daily LFT will need to be carried out for 7 days after contact. School will provide enough tests to accommodate daily testing. Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, if any of the following apply: they are fully vaccinated; they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months; they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial; or they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons. Pupils must continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.
- **Hygiene with hands and continued ventilation.** This increased ventilation in classrooms (windows must be open) means pupils will need to dress warmly. Base layers underneath the school shirt can be an option, the school jumper and blazer should be worn, so that we can both be comfortable and continue learning. Heating is on in each classroom. Coats are not permitted to be worn in classrooms.
- **Online Lessons:** When pupils are self-isolating with a positive test we will assume that they will attend on line learning unless you email us/call us to indicate they are too ill to do so. This is a change in protocol to allow pupils to engage with learning when they are well enough to engage with school remotely. Remote learning is available via our website.
- **Visiting School:** We will continue to reduce the number of visitors to school, balancing the advantages of a face to face meeting with the risks of the virus on school attendance and health. Any visitors who do come to school will need to wear a mask and will be asked to show a lateral flow test (or the NHS text) on arrival. We ask that you do not make unplanned visits to school reception and always ring ahead (01942 510712) to make any necessary arrangements.

To enable us to manage the safe return of all pupils as soon as possible please be advised of the following:

Pupils are expected to return to school **full time**, wearing full school uniform and will remain in school once testing has been completed and attend lessons as normal.

**The school gates will be open from 8.30am every day.**

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 arrival times:**

#### **Year 11**

8.38am – all Year 11 pupils

#### **Year 7**

11.05am – all Year 7 pupils

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### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 arrival times:**

8.38am all Year 7 pupils and all Year 11 (Pupils in normal lessons).

#### **Year 8**

8.38am – all Year 8 pupils

#### **Year 9**

11.05am - all Year 9 pupils

#### **Year 10**

1.20pm - all Year 10 pupils

Pupils that are having a lateral flow test should arrive via the Math's gate at the front of school.  
Pupils not being tested should arrive via the pupil entrance at the back of the school.

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

All pupils to arrive for 8.38am

In order for us to test your child please follow the link below to give permission for them to undergo their required lateral flow tests on site. <https://tinyurl.com/2p843ty8>

If you have any questions regarding the arrangements above please contact:  
[office@deantrustrosebridge.co.uk](mailto:office@deantrustrosebridge.co.uk)

Yours Sincerely,

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