

Formby High School

'Determined to Achieve'



DMA/LFO

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Dear Parent

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As we approach the end of a long and quite challenging first term, I would first of all like to thank our students, parents and staff for their support, stamina and hard work. As expected, we continue to 'ride the rollercoaster' of this pandemic and will, no doubt, be required to do so for some time yet; however, it is in times of adversity or challenge that the school community is at its strongest.

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Term ends for all students on Wednesday 22 December. They will be required to attend school as normal at 8:55am for morning tutor period. As we have decided not to hold year group assemblies, we are currently in the process of making alternative arrangements for the morning. Students will be based in tutor groups for part of the morning and will also participate in other activities. We will provide further information on the exact plans over the next few days. Students should attend school wearing their PE kit and blazer. Students will be dismissed from school at 11:30am.

As part of our ongoing support for the Alder Centre, our Music Department recently spearheaded a charity single project, bringing together school and community choir voices from across Merseyside to record both remotely and here in school. Composed by our Music team and G:Force members, 'Light of your Life' is a stunning, hopeful song which reflects the unique nature of the Alder Centre and its role in supporting the community. The song has now been released on iTunes and streaming services, and all proceeds will be donated to the Alder Centre – should you wish to support this project, please use one of the two links below:

- [Apple iTunes](#)
- [Spotify](#)

Whilst we have taken the difficult decision to cancel our public performance of the Christmas Celebration on 20 December at Holy Trinity Church, our Music Team and performers will be recording a virtual concert to raise further funds for the Alder Centre which will be released next week. The Music Department has set up a [Just Giving page](#) to enable you to donate to the Alder Centre.

During a period of relative hardship, students have been generous with their time and energy to support those in need, whether this is via the many charitable programmes we have supported or simply by being a friend in deed. In a society currently dominated by talk of infection, it is worth pausing to remember that kindness, positivity and a simple smile can be infectious too...which I am pleased to say are all very evident within our school community.

Generally, I have been very proud to see the vast majority of our students bounce back into 'nearly normal' school routines over the last few months, embracing extra-curricular opportunities, rediscovering the joys of sporting victories (of which there have been many) and showing resilience in their learning. My mantra for this school year is 'never miss a beat' and many have risen to and successfully confronted this challenge.





Please use the opportunity over the Christmas break to ensure your child has school shoes that comply with our uniform expectations, and is fully equipped for the new term. This includes having a calculator which is frequently used in Mathematics and Science lessons, and a whiteboard marker pen as students regularly use mini whiteboards for activities during their lessons.

Currently, attendance across all year groups is some way below our usual very high percentages. Whilst we understand that this term has been affected by students having to take time off school for Covid-19 related reasons, I do have concerns about the low levels of attendance of some students and we will be working much more closely with some families to address these issues when school commences next term.

To enable on-site Covid-19 testing to take place at the beginning of the Spring term, school will commence on Wednesday 5 January 2022 (week one) for Years 9 to 13 and the following day for Years 7 and 8. You will find as an attachment to this letter the times that students should report to school on their designated return day. Can I please remind you, if you have not done so already, to complete the MS Forms questionnaire giving consent for your child (if aged 11 to 15) to take an on-site LFD test on at the beginning of next term? For those of you who have children aged 16+, please prompt them to complete the consent form (sent via Class Charts) if they have not done so already. Consent Forms need to be completed and submitted by 21 December 2021 and you can access the relevant letters providing further information [on the website here](#).

Finally, we are currently in the process of updating our contingency planning for the Spring term so that we are ready for any possible changes to provision in light of further restrictions. As part of this, we need to ensure we have up to date information about parents who are critical workers (as defined [on the government website](#)). If you believe you qualify as a critical worker, [please complete this brief online form](#) and return it to the school so we can update our records.

On behalf of all the staff at FHS, I would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and hope you have a very enjoyable break.

Yours sincerely

D A Mackenzie
Headteacher



Return to School Asymptomatic (LFD) On-Site Testing

Wednesday 5 January 2022

Morning Session

Year Group	Arrival Time	Arrival Instructions	After Testing
Year 11 FO	8.40am	Report directly to the Test Centre then go to P1 (Tutor Period).	Lessons begin as normal from Period 2 onwards.
Year 11 RM	9.00am	Report directly to the Test Centre then go to P1 (Tutor Period).	Lessons begin as normal from Period 2 onwards.
Year 11 BYH	9.20am	Report directly to the Test Centre then go to P1 (Tutor Period).	Lessons begin as normal from Period 2 onwards.
Year 13 FOR	9.40am	Report directly to Test Centre then go to Tutor Room (P1) or timetabled lesson (P2).	Lessons begin as normal from Period 2 onwards.
Year 13 MBY	10.00am	Report directly to Test Centre then go to timetabled lesson (P2).	Lessons begin as normal from Period 2 onwards.
Year 12 FOR	10.20am	Report directly to Test Centre then go to timetabled lesson (P2).	Lessons begin as normal from Period 2 onwards.
Year 12 MBY	10.40am	Report directly to Test Centre then go to timetabled lesson (P2).	Lessons begin as normal from Period 2 onwards.
Year 10 FO	11.10am	Report directly to Test Centre then go to timetabled lesson (P3).	Lessons begin as normal from Period 3 onwards.
Year 10 RM	11.30am	Report directly to Test Centre then go to timetabled lesson (P3).	Lessons begin as normal from Period 3 onwards.
Year 10 BYH	11.50am	Report directly to Test Centre then go to timetabled lesson (P3) / lunch.	Lessons begin as normal from Period 3 onwards.

Lunch

Years 10-13	12.35pm		
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Afternoon Session

Year Group	Arrival Time	Arrival Instructions	After Testing
Year 9 FO	1.00pm	Report directly to Test Centre then go home after test.	Go home. Normal timetable resumes Thursday 6 January
Year 9 RM	1.30pm	Report directly to Test Centre then go home after test.	Go home. Normal timetable resumes Thursday 6 January
Year 9 BYH	2.00pm	Report directly to Test Centre then go home after test.	Go home. Normal timetable resumes Thursday 6 January

Thursday 6 January 2022

Year Group	Arrival Time	Arrival Instructions	After Testing
Year 8 (FOR)	8.40am	Report directly to the Test Centre.	Proceed to Period 1 timetabled lesson.
Year 8 (MBYH)	9.10am	Report directly to the Test Centre.	Proceed to Period 1 timetabled lesson.
Year 7 (FOR)	9.40am	Report directly to the Test Centre.	Proceed to Period 1/2 timetabled lesson.
Year 7 (MBY)	10.10am	Report directly to the Test Centre.	Proceed to Period 2 timetabled lesson.



After arriving at the designated time and taking their test, students will return to the lesson outlined above if they receive a negative result (parents should receive notification in the evening after the bulk upload process has taken place).

In the event of a positive result, parents will be asked to collect their child immediately and arrange a confirmatory PCR test.

Those students who do not have consent for testing in school should arrive for the first lesson as outlined in the final column above.