

Formby High School

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Dear Parent

I would first of all like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and all the very best for 2022.

Revised Start of Term Arrangements

We had confirmation from the Department for Health and Social Care on 31 December that we will only receive delivery of our testing kits on Wednesday 5 January which means that we will not be able to commence the return to school testing until Thursday 6 January. Whilst beyond the school's control, it is frustrating as it means that school will now be closed to students on Wednesday 5 January. Please find at the end of this letter revised details for the testing arrangements and which days / times students are required to start school as a result of these changes.

Prior to returning to school, and in addition to the on-site testing that take place on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 January, we ask that your child completes his/her usual LFD test the day before returning to school and reports the result to the [NHS](#) and [FHS](#) as usual.

If your child is experiencing Covid-19 symptoms, he/she must not attend school and should book a PCR test as soon as possible.

On-Site Testing Arrangements for Return to School

As mentioned above, the updated programme for on-site testing is appended to this letter.

Please be aware that even those who have had a positive PCR result in the last 90 days are advised to participate in the return to school testing.

Thank you to those parents (and students aged 16+) who have already returned consent for testing. If you have not yet done so, please refer to yesterday's ParentMail message regarding completing the online consent form.

To enable your child to continue with twice weekly home testing, he/she will be issued with a new box of home testing LFD kits when he/she visits the test centre.

Further information about on-site testing can be accessed [on the school website](#).

Face Coverings

Given the spike in Covid-19 cases, driven by the Omicron variant, the Department for Education has advised that all students will be required to wear a face covering (unless exempt) at all times whilst indoors at school (including during lessons and when





moving between lessons). This measure will remain in place until at least Wednesday 26 January when it will be reviewed by the government as part of its wider review of Plan B measures. We only have very limited supplies of face coverings in school and I would ask that you ensure your child brings his/her own face covering. To reduce the impact on the environment, this should ideally be washable and reusable.

Self-Isolation Guidance and Close Contacts of Positive Cases

On Wednesday 22 December the government changed the self-isolation guidance for those who test positive with Covid-19. The 10 days self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result has been reduced to seven days in most circumstances. Individuals may now take LFD tests on days six and seven of their self-isolation period and 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 six and the two tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both test results are negative and the positive case does not have a high temperature he/she may end his/her self-isolation and return to school on day eight. If the positive case does not take the LFD tests, he/she must self-isolate for the full 10 days. I would urge you to ensure your child takes LFD tests on days six and seven to enable a speedy return to school (provided he/she is symptom-free).

If identified as a close contact of someone with Covid-19, those who are fully vaccinated or aged below 18 years and six months should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal. If they develop symptoms or have a positive LFD test result they should self-isolate and book a PCR test. If the result of the PCR test is positive, the self-isolation guidance set out above will need to be followed.

Remote Learning

In anticipation that we have quite high infection rates amongst the school community at the start of the new term, all Year 7 and 8 students who are self-isolating will be set work to complete via [Remote Classroom](#). Typically, students will be required to engage with Oak National Academy lessons and resources which cover the content being taught to students in school. For Years 9 to 13 teachers will set work directly for their absent students via Class Charts.

As term will commence a day later than originally planned, students in public examination year groups (Years 10 to 13) will be set work to complete by their teachers via Class Charts for Periods 2 to 5 on Wednesday 5 January.

January Examinations

Some students in Years 11, 12 and 13 have public examinations scheduled for January 2022. These examinations will go ahead as planned and students should prepare accordingly.

Attendance

In what is likely to be a term that is affected by Covid-19, I would ask you to ensure that, if at all possible, your child attends school to minimise any disruption to his/her education. I understand that students are required to self-isolate if they test positive with Covid-19 and they may not be able to attend school if they are unwell with non-Coronavirus illness. Please be supportive in minimising any other absence from school and understand that requests for leave of absence will not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances.

In my end of term letter, I confirmed that as part of updating our contingency planning, we need to ensure we have current information about parents who are critical workers (as defined [on the government website](#)). I would like to thank all parents who have already provided information. If you believe you qualify as a critical worker and have not yet responded, [please complete this brief online form](#) and return it to the school so we can update our records.

Yours sincerely

D A Mackenzie
Headteacher



Return to School Asymptomatic (LFD) On-Site Testing

Thursday 6 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 P2 onwards.
Year 11 RM	9.00am	Report directly to the Test Centre then go to P1 (Tutor Period).	Lessons begin as normal from P2 onwards.
Year 11 BYH	9.20am	Report directly to the Test Centre then go to P1 (Tutor Period).	Lessons begin as normal from P2 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 P2 onwards.
Year 13 MBY	10.00am	Report directly to Test Centre then go to timetabled lesson (P2).	Lessons begin as normal from P2 onwards.
Year 12 FOR	10.20am	Report directly to Test Centre then go to timetabled lesson (P2).	Lessons begin as normal from P2 onwards.
Year 12 MBY	10.40am	Report directly to Test Centre then go to timetabled lesson (P2).	Lessons begin as normal from P2 onwards.
Year 10 FO	11.10am	Report directly to Test Centre then go to timetabled lesson (P3).	Lessons begin as normal from P3 onwards.
Year 10 RM	11.30am	Report directly to Test Centre then go to timetabled lesson (P3).	Lessons begin as normal from P3 onwards.
Year 10 BYH	11.50am	Report directly to Test Centre then go to timetabled lesson (P3) / lunch.	Lessons begin as normal from P3 onwards.

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 Friday 7 January.
Year 9 RM	1.30pm	Report directly to Test Centre then go home after test.	Go home. Normal timetable resumes Friday 7 January.
Year 9 BYH	2.00pm	Report directly to Test Centre then go home after test.	Go home. Normal timetable resumes Friday 7 January.

Friday 7 January 2022

Year Group	Arrival Time	Arrival Instructions	After Testing
Year 8 (FOR)	8.40am	Report directly to the Test Centre.	Proceed to P1 timetabled lesson.
Year 8 (MBYH)	9.10am	Report directly to the Test Centre.	Proceed to P1 timetabled lesson.
Year 7 (FOR)	9.40am	Report directly to the Test Centre.	Proceed to P1/2 timetabled lesson.
Year 7 (MBY)	10.10am	Report directly to the Test Centre.	Proceed to P2 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.