



4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

### **Marshland Update January 2022**

Firstly, I would like to wish all our students and families a Happy New Year.

With the Government announcing some changes over the Christmas holidays, I wanted to update you before our students start returning tomorrow.

#### **Face Coverings**

All pupils will be expected to wear face coverings/masks on school buses or public transport, to and from school. Masks should also be worn as students arrive on to the school site. In line with last term, masks will be worn in corridors and moving to and from break on the playground. Masks can then be removed when students are outside the building on their lunch and break.

In addition, the Government has requested that face coverings are worn during lessons in all classrooms until further notice. To keep staff and students safe, we are asking all pupils to comply with this new guidance, unless you have registered your child by informing us of a valid exemption. We will seek to remove this latest change to lessons, as soon as it becomes safe to do so.

Please ensure your child has a suitable face covering with them.

#### **Student Return Date Reminder**

Wednesday 5th January - Year 11 and 7 only to return

Thursday 6th January - Years 8 and 10 will return to school alongside Y7 & Y11

Friday 7th January - Year 9 return - all students in school

#### **Lateral Flow (LFD) Testing**

Where permission has been granted, one lateral flow test will take place on the first morning of your child's return to school. Please ensure you carry out a home test before your child returns. In line with current guidance, home testing should be carried out twice per week until further notice. A home testing kit will be handed out when students undertake their in-school lateral flow test.

Even if someone has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they are strongly encouraged to take part in on-site testing or at home once they have completed their isolation period for their prior infection.

Please refer to all the latest [government guidance](#) on testing and isolation online. If your child is required to self-isolate, loan laptops are available from school.

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests 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 these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.

### **Attendance**

It is really important for us to ensure that your child is in school unless they have tested positive on a lateral flow and followed up with a PCR test. Too many children have missed a significant amount of education, so it remains vital that attendance remains as high as possible. Your support is very much appreciated.

### **Activities and Interventions**

After-school interventions and Saturday schools (Year 11) along with all other activities and clubs for students will continue as normal at this time, subject to appropriate staffing.

Finally, I am pleased to say that two of our students have been selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in August 2023 and will be running a number of fundraising activities in school over the coming months. You can find out more about the events on their [Crowdfunding](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

We look forward to seeing all our students back in school and to a positive 2022.

Yours faithfully

Mr Craig Jansen

Headteacher