



16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### Information on testing and the return to school in January

Given the rapidly changing circumstances we are facing we are having to plan various possible scenarios for the start of term in January. At present, we are hopeful that the start of the new term will begin as planned. As previously indicated this will be staggered as follows to allow on-site testing to take place on return:

	On site Covid test*	Start of Term
Year 7	Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 8	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 9	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 10	Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> / Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 11	Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 12	Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> / Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 13	Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan (for Y13 mock exams)

### On Site Covid Tests\*

Parents of any students eligible for an on-site Covid test will be emailed separately today with a personalised time slot for their on-site Covid Test. Students where consent has not been received OR where they have had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days will not be invited.

Year 13 students should attend one of the dedicated Year 13 'slots' at 12.20pm or 1.00pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January (if on site for mocks that day) OR at the 'mop up' session at 1.40pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. We do not need to know of non-attendance at these.

Any students unable to attend at their scheduled time should attend the 'mop up' session at 1.40pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January (again, you do not need to inform the school of this). We will then follow up with eligible students who have not tested on site following their return to school.

All students should carry out a LFT test at home in the 24 hours before coming onto the school site. When arriving for their test students should arrive through the main Clevedon Road gates. They should wear a face covering unless exempt. They will be registered in the Sixth Form Common Room and signs will indicate where they should go.

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Students are likely to be on site for about 30 minutes. Students will not wait for the result - they should return home; parents will be called immediately should a test show as positive; if you do not receive a phone call then the result has been negative.

Test results will be processed in the few days after the testing - as such, you will receive a deferred notification of the test result.

Please look out for the notification emails later today. If you do not receive one then it will be because consent has not been given or because your child is within 90 days of a positive PCR. If we could ask parents to keep queries to a minimum that would be a great help to us in managing the process, but if you do have a question that is not catered for by the arrangements above, please email [svincent@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:svincent@gordanoschool.org.uk). Please note that although we'll endeavour to respond where possible, this will not be monitored at all times over the Christmas holiday period.

#### **Community Clinics for Flu Immunisations**

Please also see attached information from the School Immunisation Team regarding catch-up clinics for flu vaccinations for children.

With best wishes.



Tom Inman  
Headteacher