



## Subject: January 2022 COVID – 19 Update

Dear staff, student and parent /carer

Please read below the latest COVID – 19 update from the government and the re-release of the information about the staggered re-start to the spring term.

### Student and Staff lateral flow testing:

- school staff are required to take one lateral flow test on the evening or in the morning before the INSET day on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January and to continue testing twice weekly at home and to [report all results to NHS Test and Trace](#) and to their setting.
- Students are strongly encouraged to take one lateral flow test before returning to school through the in-school testing programme and to continue testing twice weekly at home and to [report all results to NHS Test and Trace](#) and to their setting.

### Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Since Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, the 10 days 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 setting from day 8.

### Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.



## Updated guidance on the use of face coverings in education settings

From Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, it is recommended that face coverings are worn in classrooms where students in year 7 and above are educated. The advice is short term only, to support students and teachers as they return to school this term and builds on the existing proportionate guidance that recommends face coverings for all adults in communal areas of all settings. The advice on face coverings in classrooms will be in place until Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January, when Plan B regulations are currently scheduled to expire, at which point it will be reviewed.

## Staggered restart to Netherhall School in January 2022:

All parents / carers and sixth form students have been emailed, via Edulink a lateral flow test consent form; if you have responded positively that you or your son(s) or daughter(s) have consented to have a lateral flow test, please see the timetable and location for lateral flow testing set out below.

**Lateral Flow Testing for Students:** lateral flow testing will comprise a single lateral flow test. Students are to return home once their lateral flow test has been completed.

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET day – only school staff in school		
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 LFT	Year 12 LFT	Year 13 LFT
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 10 LFT	Year 9 LFT	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 8 LFT	Year 7 LFT	
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> January			
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> January			
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	All year groups in school, in lessons at the regular time		

The lateral flow tests will take place in the McCarron Hall (the same location as previously), students are to access the McCarron Hall directly from the sports centre car park and the McCarron yard gate. The times for each year group to attend the McCarron Hall for their lateral flow test are as follows (please note that students are only coming into school for their lateral flow test on the dates and times set out below):

- Year 11: 9.00am-11.00am on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 12: 11.00am-1.00pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 13: 1.00pm-3.00pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 10: 9.00am-12.00pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 9: 12.00pm-3.00pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 8: 9.00am-12.00pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 7: 12.00pm-3.00pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January

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If any member of staff or any student tests positive for their lateral flow test, they are required to undertake a PCR test.

**Attendance in School:** school attendance remains mandatory. **The spring term will begin properly for students in years 10-13 from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January and for students in years 7-9 from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January.**

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Examination year groups 10,11, 12 & 13 in school in lessons at the regular time.
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	All year groups in school, in lessons at the regular time.

**Working from Home:** all education settings are expected to continue to provide face-to-face education, and remote learning for those students who are unable to attend school.

**Visitors to Schools:** are strongly encouraged (parents, carers and other visitors) to take a lateral flow test before entering the setting.

**Exams and Formal Assessments:** exams and formal assessments in January will go ahead, it is essential that all students continue to prepare for these assessments.

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's head of year.

In anticipation of your continued support in this important matter, thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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