

13th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Plans for testing all students on their return after the christmas break**

I am writing to provide you with the plan for our students to return to school from Wednesday, 5th January 2022. There will be a phased return allowing us to complete one Covid-19 LF test with all students before they return to learning.

	<b>Wednesday 05.01.22</b>	<b>Thursday 06.01.22</b>	<b>Friday 07.01.22</b>
<b>09:00 - 10:00</b>	Year 7	Normal school day	Normal school day
<b>10:00 - 11:00</b>	Year 8		
<b>11:15 - 12:15</b>	Year 9		
<b>12:15 - 13:15</b>	Year 10		
<b>14:00 - 15:00</b>	Year 11		

- Students must wear **full school uniform** and have a **face mask** or exemption lanyard.
- Each year group has been allocated a different slot to reduce mixing and the risk of spreading Covid.
- Students should arrive at the beginning of their allocated slot and line up in the playground for testing.
- They will return home after the test.

**Reminder to complete the Covid Test consent form**

Testing is not compulsory, but we encourage you to give your consent as an important contribution to keeping our students, staff and community safe from Covid. [Click here](#) to complete the form, if you have not done so previously.

**Thursday, 6th December**

From Thursday 6th December **ALL** year groups will be expected to attend school as normal.

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**Home testing for Covid-19**

From the week commencing Monday, 10th January 2022 students will continue the testing for Covid at home using a Lateral Flow test kit provided by the school.

**Wearing of masks**

Unless your child is exempt from wearing a mask they should wear a mask each day. They will be expected to wear a mask:

- when travelling on public transport;
- when they are in communal areas such as corridors and halls or queueing for lunch in the Dining Hall.

We do not expect them to wear a face mask in their lessons.

When face masks become damp, they should not be worn, and the face mask should be replaced. Please consider providing your child with a spare face mask to wear if their face covering becomes damp during the day. Please also provide your child with a small plastic bag in which they can keep their reusable face coverings to take home. If your child is exempt from wearing a mask please complete this [form](#). Any student who is exempt will be given an exemption card.

If you have any questions about the contents of this letter then please contact the school at [info@eastlea.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@eastlea.newham.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,



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