

Re: **Updated Return to School Plans, 2nd January 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all Happy New Year! Let's hope 2022 will be a great year for you and your family. I hope too that you and your loved ones are safe and well.

I am writing to update you on our response to Covid-19 developments and our plans for January return to school, mainly;

- A government update
- Update on testing after the Christmas holiday
- Changes to the self-isolation period for those testing positive for COVID-19
- Information on daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19
- First week back plans and remote education

The Secretary for State for Education wrote to schools today and shared risk mitigation measures for the Omicron variant and the difficulties this could bring when schools reopen. We all know that having our students in school learning is a priority and that we have to balance this against wider public health risks brought by Covid-19. The Government expects face-to-face teaching to continue and that we do all we can to protect this (which we have done at Bosworth Academy throughout this pandemic). It remains vital that we all get vaccinated and get a booster jab, to protect the NHS, and protect education. It was also announced that Face masks are now required in all classrooms until further notice - this risk mitigation we already had in place at Bosworth Academy so it will continue.

As I shared with you on 16th December, all students should come into school on **Tuesday 4th or Wednesday 5th January** in their designated time slot to **undertake one on-site test**. This will help reduce transmission after a period of social mixing during the holidays. Students will then transition to testing twice weekly at home and should [report all results to NHS Test and Trace](#) and to [Bosworth Academy](#). An **IMPORTANT change** to guidance is that even if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 within the **last 90 days**, they should **now take part in LFD testing on-site** (this is a change from previous guidance), once they have completed any isolation period for their prior infection.

The **self-isolation period** for people who **record a positive PCR test result** for COVID-19 has been reduced to **7 days**, (unless you cannot test for any reason).



Individuals should take **LFD tests on day 6 and day 7** of their self-isolation period. Two negative test results mean you are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. 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 school from day 8.

For fully vaccinated adults, or young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, if identified by the NHS as a **close contact** of someone with COVID-19, they should **take an LFD test every day for seven days** and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Our return to school plans will proceed as we explained in December - please refer to the table. Testing times for each tutor group can be [found here](#) & have been sent to students via email.

Year	Tuesday 4th January	Wednesday 5th January	Thursday 6th January
7, 8, 11 & 13	LFD Test - then return home. Home learning via Satchel One	First day in school following a negative test	Continue learning in school
9, 10 & 12	Live remote lessons via Google Classroom - see timetable below	LFD Test - then return home. Home learning via Satchel One	First day in school following a negative test

Key Points - Lessons

- We have re-shared a presentation with students today via their school email about **how to access remote learning** - find the [presentation here](#).
- On the day a year group has their first test there will be no 'live lessons', teachers will set **Home Learning for students via Satchel One or Google Classroom if Year 13**. This will reduce disruption to the school day inevitably caused by students coming into school for their tests and many of our staff supporting this testing.
- For **years 9, 10 and 12** we will be providing 'live' remote lessons on **Tuesday 4th January** following the normal school timetable. Lessons will be 45 minutes in length to allow for students to transition between lessons smoothly. Each lesson starts on the hour for ease of remembering when to join the Google Meet. **Students in these years must be ready to log on to their tutor classroom at 8.40am.**

Year	08:40	09:00	09:45	10:00	10:45	11:00	11:45	13:00	13:45	14:00	14:45
9, 10 & 12	TT	P1		P2		P3		P4		P5	END OF SCHOOL
7, 8, 11 & 13	Lateral Flow Testing No Live Lessons - Access Remote Work via Satchel One or Google Classroom/Email if Year 13.										

P	Live Remote Lesson
	Screen Break
	Lunch Break

We recognise that the high rates of COVID-19 may cause difficulties with staffing over these coming weeks. Our priority is to keep everyone safe whilst keeping school open to continue face-to-face education. If staffing issues arise, we will continue to be creative in how we utilise our part-time teaching staff, and support staff. I thank you too for all of your support. Please email us at attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk if you need to report illness.

I wish you, and your family happiness and good health for 2022 and for a good start to term!

Yours faithfully,



Mr. S. Brown
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