

4th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are keeping well and have enjoyed the Christmas holidays. When we did break up from school in December, there was a lot of uncertainty around the Omicron variant. We have now received the updated guidance from the Department for Education for the start of this new term that I can share with you.

Wearing of face masks

The major change is that all pupils and staff have to wear face masks in all classrooms, teaching spaces and communal areas unless they are exempt. Please can you support us with this by ensuring that your child has their own face mask to wear. If your child is exempt from wearing a face mask then please do make sure you contact us by email at: exempt@kingswolverhampton.co.uk Your child will then be given a lanyard to wear to signal to all that they are exempt.

Arrangements for Lateral Flow Testing at the start of term

The Department for Education is asking schools to carry out a lateral flow test on all pupils on site on their first day back at school. The LFD test is a key element in keeping the school community safe and preventing the virus from spreading. We can only test pupils if parental consent has been given. If you have not yet given your consent, then please can I urge you to click on this link and give your consent. <https://forms.office.com/r/rLzAGL1DS4>

There will be a staggered start to the new term to enable us to test all pupils on site on their first day back in school. All pupils are expected to attend at the set time in full uniform for the start of term. The confirmed plan now in place for each year group is:

Year 7 & 8	Arrive at 8.55am on Thursday 6th January
Year 9	Arrive at 11.20am, start of period 3 on Thursday 6th January
Year 10	Arrive at 1.50pm, start of period 5 on Wednesday 5th January
Year 11	Arrive at 8.55am on Wednesday 5th January
6 th Form	Arrive at 11.20am, start of period 3 on Wednesday 5th January

If your child has been given consent to be tested they will be directed through the entrance to the dining hall to be tested in the hall. Pupils will wait in the hall for the result and as long as it is negative will join their form groups for the normal timetabled day. If the test is positive, we will contact you and ask you to collect your child.

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If you have not consented for your child to be tested, then we expect them to arrive at school at the set time for their year group. They will enter through the Governor gate and go directly to their form room to start the normal timetabled lessons.

I know we are starting another year living with Covid and we are working hard to ensure there is minimal disruption to our pupils' learning. I do thank you for the part you are playing and for your support and co-operation with this.

I do hope and pray that you and your families do have a very Happy New Year and that you keep safe and well.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line that ends in a small dot.

Joy Langley
Interim Principal