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Dear Parents/Carers

New Regulations and January 2022 Start of Term

This has been a long term for students and staff, but with positive attendance and far fewer absences than we had last year with the required, regular, self-isolation periods. However, the new strain of COVID has necessitated some changes in school. Mask wearing in communal areas has now been in place for several weeks. **From Tuesday 14 December it will be required in classrooms as well** (this is on the specific advice of the Director of Public Health in Sheffield). Please ensure that your child has a mask each day to wear.

Students were tested on the return in September and we have been part of the national programme offering COVID vaccinations and flu immunisations for Y7 to Y11 students. Testing kits have been provided for students on a regular basis (and are available for use over the Christmas period).

The Government requires schools to administer a single lateral flow test to students in January, after over two weeks away from school. This will necessitate a staggered start, so that students are tested before mixing with the total school population. Students must not return to school until the time shown. A small group of parents/carers will be contacted by Student Support to make individual arrangements. For students at home, live lessons will take place over Teams as shown below. Live lessons will start 10 mins after the normal lesson time start and will last for 40 mins. The arrangements are shown below:

Monday 10 January 2022:

Y7 from 8am – 8.30am

Y11 from 10 am – 10.45am

Y13 from noon - those who have lessons P4 or P5 on a Monday

Remote learning live lessons for Y8, Y9, Y10, Y12, Y13 (P1&2)

Tuesday 11 January 2022:

Y8 from 8am – 8.30am

Y10 from 10am - 10.45am

Y13 test as they arrive for lessons

Remote learning live lessons for Y9 and Y12

Wednesday 12 January 2022:

Y9 from 8am – 8.30am

Y12 from 10am – 11.00am

Thursday: 13 January 2022

from 8am to 9.30am any Y12 not previously tested

Thank you for your help with these arrangements. We hope that 2022 will be an easier year.

Your sincerely

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