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Dear Parents and Carers

There have been some significant announcements from the government over the weekend.

The first arrived late on Friday afternoon. This is the decision to offer one lateral flow test on site to all pupils after their return from the Christmas break (with a second at home 3- 4 days later). We have been given a very tight turn around to order enough kits, so that we can look at the logistics of setting up the test centre, staffing it, and trying to maintain a normal timetable could you please complete the link <https://forms.office.com/r/snnVP6CcdK> if you would like your child to be tested on their return. Please do this by no later than 4pm on Tuesday 30th November 2021. Even if you have previously given consent for your child to be tested, please complete this form, it is a new form for January 2022.

If your child has had Covid within the last 90 days there is no need for them to be tested.

We would also ask that your child continues to test twice weekly during the holiday period and in addition if you feel they will be in a higher risk situation over the Christmas period. If you do not already receive the school LFT kits, please let us know if you would like to sign up.

The government announced yesterday afternoon that face masks are now compulsory for all those in Year 7 and up (apart from people who have exemptions). Although we have already had this in place could I repeat the reminder that these should be reusable ones from home or we may need to start charging for the hand out of the disposable masks due to the impact on costs as well as the school environment.

Due to keeping our current measures in place, cases are currently a lot lower than before half term. If your child is a close contact or has any Covid symptoms, no matter how low level, please take them for a PCR and keep school reception informed. If they are a close contact but have no symptoms they can return to school whilst awaiting their result, however if someone is positive in your household please keep your child at home until the negative test result comes through. Please complete this form to notify us of a positive PCR result

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=X4pRTR73X0uDdSbvXs_1sYtr5681clhPsEMfswxfk0IURUI3VjBQUTJFTEZRNk9PVFBaUURYNEEyMy4u

Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Yours sincerely

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