



## Hall Green School An Academy

3 January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family have had a safe and enjoyable Christmas break.

As you will no doubt know from media reports, the government and the Department for Education have updated their guidance due to the Omicron variant. We have been monitoring the situation throughout the Christmas break with a view to reviewing our safety measures in school.

Largely thanks to our safety measures being strictly adhered to, the numbers of cases within school have been minimal throughout the autumn term. As we return in January, we will be introducing a few changes for the foreseeable future to be able to better understand the situation. We fully understand the impact these measures can have and will therefore keep them under constant review with a view to remove them as soon as we believe it is safe to do so. The government intend to review the measures on January 26 and we will follow any updated guidance at that point.

### Changes from 4 January 2022

- Face masks (not snoods) to be worn in classrooms.
- Pupils to wear PE kit to school on PE days; this should be their full school PE kit and not general sports clothing. If they so desire, pupils may wear their uniform over the top. (Note, pupils only need trainers on Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 January and not their full kit.)
- People who are fully vaccinated or children/young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with Covid-19 should take an NHS rapid lateral flow test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal unless they have a positive test result.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

### Previous measures that will continue

- Face masks (not snoods) to be worn in communal areas. **Pupils must bring their own mask to school.**
- Hand sanitiser available in all classrooms and at various points around school.
- Spray disinfectant available in all rooms for pupils and staff to clean down desks if desired.
- Indoor spaces well ventilated with windows and doors open where possible; coats may continue to be worn in classrooms if needed.
- Pupils and staff to test twice weekly at home. LFD kits issued regularly to pupils.

If your child has tested positive for covid and/or is displaying symptoms, please do not send them to school but follow the guidance that can be found on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

We have been asked by the government to ensure pupils have an on-site lateral flow test as they return to school. You will know from previous communication that we have a two-day plan in place on January 4 and 5 to carry this out. If you have not previously consented and now wish to do so, please telephone the school on January 4.

### Testing plan

Return to School Date for Year 11: **Tuesday 4th January**

FORM GROUP	ARRIVAL TIME
11I1 and 11I2, 11L1 AND 11L2	8.30am
11R1 and 11R2, 11S1 AND 11S2	9.30am

Return to School Date Year 10: **Tuesday 4th January**

FORM GROUP	ARRIVAL TIME
10I1 and 10I2, 10L1 and 10L2	10.30am
10R1 and 10R2, 10S1 and 10S2	11.30am

Test Date for Year 9: **Tuesday 4th January**. Return to school **Wednesday 5th January 8.40am**

FORM GROUP	ARRIVAL TIME
9I1 and 9I2, 9L1 and 9L2	12.15pm
9R1 and 9R2, 9S1 and 9S2	2.15pm

Return to School Date Year 7: **Wednesday 5th January**

FORM GROUP	ARRIVAL TIME
7I1 and 7I2, 7L1 and 7L2	8.30am
7R1 and 7R2, 7S1 and 7S2	9.30am

Return to School Date for Year 8: **Wednesday 5th January**

FORM GROUP	ARRIVAL TIME
8I1 and 8I2, 8L1 and 8L2	10.30am
8R1 and 8R2, 8S1 and 8S2	11.30am

I am proud of the way our school community have continued to adapt throughout the pandemic. The level of social responsibility and compassion for others shown by our pupils is second to none. We will continue to work hard to provide high quality academic, social, and personal opportunities for all of our pupils whilst keeping the whole school community as safe as possible.

We will get through this together, as always.

Yours faithfully,



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