



3 December 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

All year groups are expected in school on Monday 6 December

Thank you for your patience and support this week as we have grappled with severe staff absence. I appreciate, all too well, that having your children at home has caused inconvenience and has been less than ideal. At one point this week, we had around 25% of our teaching staff absent from school and it is this, coupled with the lack of available agency teachers, that led to my very difficult decision to ask year groups to work from home for three days.

Whilst staff absence continues to be challenging to manage, all year groups will return to school on Monday 6 December. We will continue to monitor our operational and supervisory capacity. I hope that we do not have to return to a year group rota model, but if we do then I will try to give you as much notice as possible.

Last day of term

The term finishes for students on Friday 17 December. As is our tradition, students will be released from school at 12.10pm, following end of term and seasonal activities

Testing and the start of the new term

Following the requirement for schools to test all students at the beginning of the new term in January, we have decided that the first day of term, Wednesday 5 January 2022, will be given over to testing with students asked to come to school for their test and to otherwise work remotely (work will be provided on Google Classroom). Full face-to-face teaching will resume on Thursday 6 January 2022. We will share more details of testing arrangements in due course.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Johnson
Headteacher