



9<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the implications of the [COVID-19 Response: Autumn and Winter Plan](#) on Kimberley School.

1. School **attendance** remains mandatory and all the usual attendance rules continue to apply.
2. **Face Coverings** should continue to be worn at all times on the school site other than when students are exempt or eating/drinking. The expectation that they are worn in lessons and exams is a cautious step at Kimberley and we will review this before the return to school in January
3. **Extra-Curricular activities** will continue as planned; the introduction of face coverings should help to keep these safe
4. The government strongly encourage all **visitors to the school (including parents and carers)** to take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Test before entering the school site. I have asked staff to remind visitors of this
5. Some students are **preparing for examinations in January**. This morning the DfE have set out *"Students who are due to sit these exams will be prepared and it is right that they should be given every opportunity to demonstrate what they have learnt. Exams and formal assessments will go ahead. Consequently, it is essential that students continue to prepare for these assessments."*
6. The government are **encouraging all students to:**
  - a. continue to take and report LFD tests twice a week whilst school is open; and
  - b. take and report LFD tests during the Christmas Holidays when *"they will be in a high-risk situation that day and before visiting people who are at higher risk of severe illness if they get COVID-19"*

It may also be helpful to remind you at this stage of the arrangements for the return to school in January:

1. **January 4th will be a Lateral Flow Testing Day.** If we have consent for students to take part in Lateral Flow Testing they will be offered an appointment at school on this day. Students will attend school for this appointment only and then will return home. We will then contact parents with the results of the Lateral Flow Test later in the day. Following this, students should return to the twice-weekly testing at home regime. Our Business and Operations Manager, Kirsty Andrews, will be in touch to set out the arrangements for the 4th January. Staff who are not involved in the testing programme will be using the time to ensure that the remote curriculum resources on our website are up to date so that they are easily accessible for any students who have to self-isolate in the Spring Term.
2. **On January 5th students will return to school**

Take Care. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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