

Dear parent/carer,

Firstly, Happy New Year! I hope that you were able to have a break over the Christmas period.

The updated Government guidance for parents and carers can be accessed by clicking here

Covid testing at school this week

WISDOM

I thought you may appreciate a reminder about the return to school/college over the next few days.

HOPE COMMUNITY

DIGNITY

Years 10 to 13 have their Covid test on Wednesday 5th and return to lessons on Thursday 6th.

There will be work set for all year groups via SMHW on Wednesday 5th.

Years 7 to 9 have their Covid test on Thursday 6th and return to lessons on Friday 7th.

There will be work set on SMHW for years 7 to 9 on Thursday 6th too.

It is week 1.

Wednesday 5 th January									
YEAR 11 - 08.30am – 09:45am									
11AS	8.30am	11BB	9.00am	11RR	9.30am				
11BA	8.45am	11GJ	9.15am	11WD	9.45am				
YEAR 12 – 10.00am – 10:50am									
12AW	10.00am	12GR	10.20am	12WW	10:30am				
12BM	10.10am		12RH	10:40am					
YEAR 13 - 11:10 - 11:50am									
13AM	11:10am	13GL	11:20am	13WS	11:30am				
13BR	11:40am		13RH	11:50am					
YEAR 10 – 1.00pm – 2.15pm									
10BE	1.00pm	10GS	1.30pm	10WF	2.00pm				
10AG	1.15pm	10RN	1.45pm	10WT	2.15pm				

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Thursday 6 th January									
YEAR 8 - 8.30am – 09.45am - Test									
8BT	8.30am	8GK	9.00am	8RM	9.30am				
8AG	8.45am	8GC	9.15am	8WL	9.45am				
YEAR 9 – 10.00am – 11.30am									
9BB	10.00am	9GO	10.45am	9RW	11.15am				
9AD	10.15am	99RL	11.00am	9WM	11.30am				
YEAR 7 – 1.00pm –2.25pm									
7AM	1.00pm	7BM	1.35pm	7RV	2.10pm				
7AC	1.20pm	7GW	1.55pm	7WB	2.25pm				

As previously mentioned, if you have more than 1 child at school, please feel free to attend just one appointment to save travelling to and from.

Since my last letter guidance has changed re lateral flow tests if a person has had Covid within the past 90 days. The guidance now encourages testing to happen prior to returning to school even if they have had Covid recently. I have pasted a section below from the latest guidance:

Even if someone has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they are strongly encouraged to take part in LFD testing on-site through ATS or at home once they have completed their isolation period for their prior infection.

If you have not registered an on-site test with us, please use a home kit test and report the result by clicking on this <u>link to report results of Covid test</u>

Masks in school

Guidance changed re the wearing of masks has changed. As you know, we were already wearing masks in our communal areas. Our students, if not exempt, will be requested to wear these in classrooms. Can you please make sure that your child has a suitable mask on their return? We have very limited supplies of them in school. Please see the section from the Government update below:

From today, Sunday 2 January, it is recommended that face coverings are worn in classrooms where pupils in year 7 and above are educated. The advice is short term only, to support pupils and teachers as they return to school this term and builds on the existing proportionate guidance that recommends face coverings for all adults in communal areas of all settings. We are updating our guidance to reflect this. The advice on face coverings in classrooms will be in place until Wednesday 26 January, when Plan B regulations are currently scheduled to expire, at which point it will be reviewed.

Once again, not the return to school any of us wanted. However, testing is vital to limiting the spread of Covid and I am really grateful for your support. Please use our mailbox to let us know if your child has tested positive covid@st-hildas.co.uk This allows us to update our register so that teachers know to set work for those well enough to complete it. We would really appreciate it if you could let us know whether they are well enough to complete their work too.

We are looking forward to seeing our students back in school. Please support us by making sure that your child tests twice a week and that they attend their appointment Wednesday or Thursday this week if you registered. If you didn't, please make sure that they do a test at home.

Kind regards,

Jo Code

Headteacher