



6th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

January Return to School

Firstly, I would like to wish you and your families a Happy new Year and hope you had a peaceful and restful Christmas. I wanted to provide a reminder of arrangements for returning to school as well as some recent updates.

Return to School and COVID testing

All students will return to school as usual from Monday 10th January 2022.

As part of the DfE requirements students will be required to be tested for COVID-19, prior to their return to school. This is scheduled to take place in school on Friday 7th January 2022 which is also an Inset day. This measure is to ensure that we keep members of the school and the wider community as safe as possible.

Testing for specific year groups will take place as indicated by the times below. Appointments can be made using the Parents' Booking system by clicking on the links. Using the online system to book an appointment will also act as parental consent for the test to be taken.

Following these initial on-site tests, I have been asked to reiterate the importance of testing twice weekly and reporting the results to school and the Government test report portal. We recommend these tests are undertaken on a Wednesday and Sunday evening.

Year Group	Time	Link
7	8am – 9am	https://www.parents-booking.co.uk/garibaldischool
8	9am – 10am	https://www.parents-booking.co.uk/garibaldischool
9	10am – 11am	https://www.parents-booking.co.uk/garibaldischool
10 and 13	11am – 12pm	https://www.parents-booking.co.uk/garibaldischool
11 and 12	1pm – 2pm	http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/garibaldischool

Facemasks

In line with Government guidance all students, unless exempt, should wear a facemask whilst in lessons and communal areas. Please can you ensure your child has a face mask when they attend for testing and return to school on Monday as our supplies are limited. Staff will remind students to wear their face coverings, unless exempt, to promote a safe working environment.

Self-Isolation

Since Wednesday 22nd December, the 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period.

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Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 7. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

Exams

Despite the current and developing situation with COVID-19, the exams scheduled to take place in January will go ahead as planned. For identified students who are undertaking exams in January, we will have written to parents towards the end of last term.

Finally...

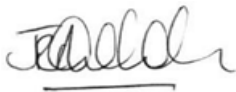
Current guidance for COVID-19 arrangements is due to be reviewed by the Government later this month. Should there be any changes to these arrangements I will keep you informed.

Although we are responding to and implementing Government guidance relating to COVID-19, our core purpose is educating young people and helping to prepare them for a successful life post Garibaldi. Therefore, we maintain our commitment to providing an aspirational and engaging quality of education, providing effective pastoral support and wellbeing, and having high expectations of our students in terms of standards, some of which was outlined in Mr Hunt's letter at the end of last term.

I look forward to continuing to work with you this term.

Best wishes for now.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Aldred', written over a horizontal line.

Mr J Aldred
Head of School