



03 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Start of term arrangements – January 2022

Start of term – Primary Section

Term will start for primary section pupils on Wednesday 5th January. Please note that Tuesday 4th January is a staff training day.

Start of term – Secondary Section

As per government guidance, there will be a staggered return for secondary section pupils. This will allow all secondary section pupils to be tested (for Covid-19 using lateral flow devices) prior to their return to school.

Secondary section pupils should attend school for their test on the date and time indicated below. They should not attend school before this time and will leave school after their test.

Pupils will then return to school to start term at their normal time on the day listed below.

Year	Class	Test date	Test time	Return to school date
Year 11	Armstrong	Tuesday 4 th January	9.30am	Wednesday 5 th January
	Bach	Tuesday 4 th January	10.00am	Wednesday 5 th January
	Dylan	Tuesday 4 th January	10.30am	Wednesday 5 th January
	Lennon	Tuesday 4 th January	11.00am	Wednesday 5 th January
	Mozart	Tuesday 4 th January	11.30am	Wednesday 5 th January
Year 12	ALL	Wednesday 5 th January	8.30am	Thursday 6 th January
Year 7	Carver	Wednesday 5 th January	9.00am	Thursday 6 th January
	Khan	Wednesday 5 th January	9.30am	Thursday 6 th January
	Jemison	Wednesday 5 th January	10.00am	Thursday 6 th January
	Leavitt	Wednesday 5 th January	10.30am	Thursday 6 th January
	Tesla	Wednesday 5 th January	11.00am	Thursday 6 th January
Year 8	Hockney	Wednesday 5 th January	12.40pm	Thursday 6 th January
	Kahlo	Wednesday 5 th January	1.10pm	Thursday 6 th January
	Kapoor	Wednesday 5 th January	1.40pm	Thursday 6 th January
	Kusama	Wednesday 5 th January	2.10pm	Thursday 6 th January
	Wiley	Wednesday 5 th January	2.40pm	Thursday 6 th January
Year 9	Banneker	Thursday 6 th January	8.40am	Friday 7 th January
	Germain	Thursday 6 th January	9.10am	Friday 7 th January
	Lovelace	Thursday 6 th January	9.40am	Friday 7 th January
	Turing	Thursday 6 th January	10.10am	Friday 7 th January
	Johnson	Thursday 6 th January	11.10am	Friday 7 th January
Year 10	Angelou	Thursday 6 th January	12.10pm	Friday 7 th January
	Bronte	Thursday 6 th January	12.40pm	Friday 7 th January
	Adichie	Thursday 6 th January	2.00pm	Friday 7 th January
	Morpurgo	Thursday 6 th January	2.30pm	Friday 7 th January
	Rowling	Thursday 6 th January	3.00pm	Friday 7 th January

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening is taking place online on Wednesday 5th January. Year 11 parents and carers have received separate communication regarding this.

Coronavirus scenarios

Please see below the actions required in relation to various coronavirus scenarios. These have been updated in light of new guidance received from the Department for Education (received 2nd January).

Scenario:	Action Required:
My child has one or more coronavirus symptoms. These are a high temperature, a new persistent cough and a loss or change to sense of smell or taste	Your child must not attend school. Your child must self-isolate, and you must book your child a coronavirus test (PCR test). Inform the school of the pupil absence. Your child can return to school and the self-isolation can end if the result is negative.
My child has tested positive for coronavirus on a PCR test	Your child must not attend school. Provide a copy of the positive result to the school. Your child must self-isolate for seven full days from the onset of symptoms (or from the test date if there were no symptoms). Your child can take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7. Your child can return to school on day 8 if they receive two negative test results and if they do not have a high temperature. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.
My child has tested positive on a Home-testing kit provided by the school (Lateral Flow Test)	Your child must not attend school. Inform the school of the positive result. Your child must self-isolate, and you must book them a coronavirus test (PCR test). They can return to school if this PCR test is negative (as long as they did not have symptoms and as long as the PCR test was taken within two days of the LFD test)
My child has been contacted by NHS Track and Trace and informed that they are a close contact	Your child (aged 5 and above only) must take an LFD test every day for seven days. Your child does not need to self-isolate (unless the result is positive and unless your child has symptoms). Children under five must take a PCR test instead. They can attend school whilst you wait for the result.
My child lives in the same household as someone who has tested positive	Your child (aged 5 and above only) must take an LFD test every day for seven days. Your child does not need to self-isolate (unless the result is positive and unless your child has symptoms). Children under five must take a PCR test instead. They can attend school whilst you wait for the result.

Face Coverings

The government now recommends that face coverings are worn in classrooms where pupils in Year 7 and above are educated.

This means that face coverings are now compulsory for secondary section pupils in classrooms and whilst they are in communal areas inside the school buildings. This is unless pupils are exempt.

Face coverings are not required whilst pupils are outside, for example at breaktime or lunchtime.

Please ensure that your son/daughter brings a face covering to school every day.

Asymptomatic testing

Arrangements have been made for all secondary section pupils to be tested in school before their start of term using Lateral Flow Devices. This will help identify people who are infectious but do not have any symptoms.

Pupils will self-swab and will be supervised by trained staff. They will then hand their swab to the member of staff for analysis. You will receive notification if the result is positive, using the contact details entered on the consent form, from the online NHS system.

Testing is voluntary. We require parent and carer consent for the pupils to be tested. Please contact Ms O' Brien (kobrien34.310@lgflmail.org) if you wish to opt in and require a consent form. You are not required to complete a further consent form if you have already done so. You do not need to inform us if you wish to opt out of the testing. This is because pupils will not be included if we have not received a signed consent form. However, if you do not wish to receive any further reminders or any further information about the testing procedure, you are welcome to let the school know that you wish to opt out. Please email Ms O' Brien (kobrien34.310@lgflmail.org). Our privacy statement regarding the use of personal data (for school covid testing) is available to [view here](#).

Many thanks for your positivity and support. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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