



Clacton County High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year! We look forward to welcoming back all of our students for 2022.

This is just a reminder that students are required to come into school on Wednesday, 5th January to complete a supervised Lateral Flow Device test on site. Each form group has been issued with a designated time to attend school; please refer to the [timetable with test times](#) for when your child is required to attend. Students should enter school via Walton Road and head to the A-Block Link Corridor where they will then move to the test area; signs and marshals will direct students accordingly. After supervised testing is completed students will be directed into a computer room to complete a short student questionnaire before being allowed to return home. School begins as normal at 8:45am on Thursday, 6th January.

You may have heard this weekend that the Government has introduced new guidance around the wearing of face masks/coverings in schools. Masks are expected to be worn in all indoor areas within the school, including in classrooms, unless a student is on the exemption list as a result of a health condition or disability. If your child cannot wear a mask due to a condition or disability please ensure you have communicated this with the school and they will be provided with an exemption pass. Please ensure that your child has at least two face masks (one spare in case they lose one) with them every day; this includes when they come in to test on Wednesday, 5th January (tomorrow).

There was also new guidance over the Christmas period regarding self-isolation following a positive PCR test. 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. 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.

Good ventilation in school will continue meaning that doors and windows will be open at regular intervals to ensure high quality air flow. Students are therefore encouraged to wear a base layer underneath their school shirt, school jumper and blazer to stay warm. Blazers must be worn at all times so please ensure your child leaves home with their blazer.

It is vitally important that once we return to school we all continue with the twice weekly testing on Sundays and Wednesday each week.

Finally, to ensure that we mitigate the risk of transmission risk as much as possible of the COVID-19 virus, I would ask for your support in encouraging your child to wear their face masks at all times when they are on the school site including lessons.

Best wishes to everyone and by working together we can help to keep everyone safe and well.

Kind regards
Chris Taylor
Head of School