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Dear Families,

Happy New Year and I trust you have all enjoyed the Christmas break.

Following the Government's latest announcement, it has now become mandatory for ALL pupils to wear a face covering both in school communal areas AND in classrooms. It is therefore imperative that you provide your son / daughter with a face covering to wear whilst in school and using public transport. This arrangement will be in place until the 26th January 2022 when there will be a further review of the current contingency plans.

In addition, please also note for your information, the latest rules on self-isolation from the Government:

"... 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. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your selfisolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8..."

Further information is available in the stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection.

Return to school information:

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Staff training day - the school is closed to students.

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Onsite school testing for all students.

- Students will only attend school to take a lateral flow test.
- Students are <u>not required to wear their school uniform</u>.
- Work will be uploaded to Google Classroom for students to complete.

Please see below for the specific time your son / daughter will be expected to attend school.

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Date	Activity	Timing
5 th January 2022	Year 7: Testing	8:30am - 9.15am
	Year 8 Testing	9.15am - 10.00am
	Year 9 Testing	10.00am - 10.45am
	Year 10 Testing	11.00am - 12.00pm
	Year 11 Testing	1.00pm - 2.00pm
	Years 12 and 13	2.00pm - 3.00pm

All students must arrive at the start of their allocated time slot and enter via the main reception. Attendance will be recorded and students will be directed to the Malone Hall to await testing.

Start of Term

Term starts for all students on Thursday 6th January at 8:40am, with all students recommended to be on site by 8:35am at the very latest. Please ensure that your son / daughter arrives at school on time and in full school uniform with his or her face covering.

Contingency Plans

Like many schools, we experienced significant staff shortages due to high numbers of staff testing positive for COVID-19 prior to the Christmas break. As community transmission rates continue to be high we do anticipate that there will be some disruption over the next term. Please be reassured that during the holidays we have updated our contingency plans and will alert you through email if there is a need to implement these.

Despite the continued uncertainty surrounding COVID, we are very much looking forward to the start of the new term and exciting challenges of 2022!

As usual please email <u>admin@lns.org.uk</u> if you have any questions and keep an eye on our website <u>lns.org.uk</u> for updates.

Yours faithfully,

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