



16 December 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

As another 'unusual' term draws to its close I want to update you on plans for January and thank you for your support this term.

First, I want to thank everyone in our school community who has contributed to our efforts to keeping everyone safe with regular lateral flow testing. It is our intention to send another box of lateral flow tests home and I would urge you to use them in line with government guidance through the holiday period.

Thank you too for supporting your sons and daughters to look smart in their school uniforms. We believe presenting yourself well increases self-confidence and is an important habit for young people to develop. You should have received a new Parents' Handbook in the post a few weeks ago with full details of our expectations. If for any reason you did not receive it – please let us know.

I am very proud of the way our students and teachers have adapted to another term that has presented a number of COVID related challenges. That said, the staff team at LGA have done everything in their power to reintroduce those elements of school that were a 'normal' part of school life in pre-pandemic times. The students have told us that they are really pleased to have after school activities back on the agenda but also, they are very keen to go on school trips and visits again and we will be keeping this in mind next year!

When they return to school students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be taking a range of formal assessments. We believe these assessments to be very important as we try to support our young people to be able to do and remember more. Their teachers will give them some guidance on how to prepare for the tests and we will be attaching the assessment timetable with this letter. We will also give the children individual copies of this timetable and seating plan.

It is our intention that all pupils should return to school on the same day, Wednesday 5th January, 2022. Thank you to all parents who have consented to their children taking a lateral flow test in school on return. We have not been required by the government to offer a staggered return and we are confident we can complete all the testing within the first two days. We anticipate that we will still be wearing masks in communal areas on return and although we have a limited supply of disposable face masks for emergencies could I ask you to remind your children to bring a mask from home. If there are any changes to the expectations for return we will contact you in the first instance by Class Charts announcements. Please remember, we never use Facebook or other social media for important administrative arrangements.



It just remains for me to wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and New Year period.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'A L Mobbs'.

Ms A L Mobbs
Principal

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