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Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to the Omicron variant, schools have been directed to test all pupils on their return to school in January. We are also being directed to make sure that Year 11 understand the potential implications of Centre Assessed Grades should we face another year where exams are cancelled. Therefore the return in January will work as following:

- **Tuesday 4th January – TD day - no pupils in school**
- **Wednesday 5th January – Year 11 in only**
- **Thursday 6th January – all pupils to return at 8:35 (Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 to be tested throughout the day)**

Face coverings guidance for schools

- Face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors and pupils or students in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt.
- Pupils or students (in year 7 or above) should continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt.

Consent for Testing

The testing of students remains part of the measures put into place to keep the school as safe an environment as possible for all students and staff. Testing is **voluntary** but strongly encouraged. As a school community if we can identify and isolate cases, we reduce the risk to others, minimise disruption to our students' learning and, in doing so, help slow the spread and relieve pressure on the NHS. For students to participate in the testing programme we **must** have already received a completed consent form. We will carry any already completed consent forms forwards from the earlier rounds of testing. If, for any reason, you wish to withdraw consent for testing for your child you can do this by emailing admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

Please note that if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 on or before **7th October** (90 days) they are exempt from testing, unless they develop new symptoms. We will also use our own records of those positive cases that we have already been informed of in terms of identifying any students that are exempt.

Testing over the Christmas Holidays

Students are encouraged to test over Christmas in accordance with current public health advice this may be in situations where they are more likely to catch or spread COVID-19 and includes spending time in crowded and enclosed spaces, or before visiting people who are at higher risk of severe illness if they catch COVID-19. Further test kits will be issued prior to the Christmas holidays for this purpose.



Home Testing prior to return in January 2022

As an extra safety precaution, we are asking that all staff and students complete a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test at home the evening before returning to school, reporting any positive result to us in the normal way.

Yours faithfully

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