

10 December 2021

Dear parent and carers,

COVID measures

As you are all no doubt aware, the Government has introduced Plan B measures in light of the new strain of COVID. I also need to make you aware we have a confirmed case of Omicron within the school community, close contacts have been notified and are isolating for 10 days.

In response to the new variant, and the Government restrictions the following changes have been made to the last week of term:

Christmas Carol Concert. The evening performance of the carol concert has been cancelled. Student performers will still visit the chapel at Tonbridge school during the school day as planned and will have the opportunity to perform when there. We are attempting to arrange for recordings to be taken of the performances, but as I am sure you can appreciate, this is difficult at such late notice. We would like to thank the performers and their families for their understanding in relation to the changes we have made.

Christmas Dinner. Will still go ahead with students eating in the allocated dining spaces, according to the published timetable. However, we will be allocating specific tables to form groups in order to minimise any prolonged mixing between students.

Aside from these minor changes, we are planning to continue with our current arrangements into next week. Of course, should the guidance or situation in school change we will let you know.

Start of term in January. Could we please ask that all students take a lateral flow test on the evening of Sunday 9 January 2022 prior to returning to school. If your child returns a positive test, they should remain at home pending a PCR test result.

All students in Years 7-12 will also be self-testing in form rooms on the first day back, Monday 10 January 2022.

Students in Year 13 will be sitting their PPE exams from Monday 10 January, and will only be attending school when they have a timetabled exam. Could we ask please that Year 13 students take a lateral flow test each morning they are attending school during the PPE window.

Following these initial tests, all students should return to twice weekly testing, ideally on a Sunday and Wednesday evening.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



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