

Friday 7th January 2022

Dear parents / carer(s),

Happy New Year!

I hope you were all able to share the Christmas holidays with friends and family. At school we are getting ready for the start of term and want to highlight the current Covid measures in school which will hopefully reduce transmission of Covid 19. The start of term remains as Wednesday 12th January for all students.

Lateral Flow Tests – On Site

Our lateral flow test centre will be open on site on Tuesday 11th January for students to come into school for their 'return to school' lateral flow test. The Department of Education (DfE) have stated that students should be tested on site prior to returning to school. If you have consented previously for your child to be tested in school, we do not require you to provide consent again. Students aren't required to wear uniform for the testing date.

Our test centre is going to be based in the Sport Hall. Students will arrive, complete their test and then leave. Students must wear a face mask on site unless medically exempt. Any students who test positive will be notified by school and the NHS. Appointment times are set by year groups. It is important that your child attends at the correct time to ensure that students are tested promptly. We are testing the whole school in one day. They may be a small wait for the test to be completed but we will complete these as fast as we can. The time slots are shown below:

Year 7	8.30am – 9.30am
Year 8	9.30am – 10.30am
Year 9	10.30am – 11.30am
Year 10	11.30am – 12.30pm
Year 11	1.15pm – 2.15pm
Year 12 & 13	2.15pm – 3.15pm

New LFT kits will be distributed to students and staff at the start of term. **It is really important that students continue to complete weekly lateral flow tests over the next term and report all positive results to school.**

Covid Measures in School

Following announcements from the Department of Education we will be asking all students and staff to follow the recommended DfE Covid measures in school. These measures include the following:

- From 4 January 2022, the DfE have announced that schools where students in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn in classrooms (unless medically exempt), corridors and communal spaces. This does not apply in situations where wearing a face covering would

impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons. This is a temporary measure.

- Students must bring more than one mask to school, so they can change it during the day.
- Students do not need to wear a mask when they have sat down to eat in the canteen (masks need to be worn in the queue) or when they are outside at break or lunch.
- Students and staff will be encouraged to maintain social distancing where possible and to regularly use hand sanitiser.
- Classrooms will be well ventilated to ensure that there is good air flow around the rooms.

If your child is medically exempt in wearing a face covering please complete this form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/8iCAJfHuDr>

We are not moving back to year group bubbles so students will continue to utilise the specialised rooms and spaces around the school. Students will still be able to change for PE and access the school canteen every day.

Positive Covid Cases

If your child tests positive for Covid on a LFT or PCR test it is essential that you notify school. Please email a copy of the notification to attendance@leesbrook.co.uk we will then notify teachers so work can be emailed to your child (if well enough) to complete from home. The 'Stay at Home' guidance has recently changed. Students can stop isolating after 7 days instead of 10 days, if they get 2 negative lateral flow test results on day 6 and 7. Can you please forward the day 6 and 7 test results to school too, so we know when your child will be returning to school. If your child tests positive in the remaining days of the Christmas holiday can you please also email confirmation of their positive test result to the attendance email address.

We will continue to keep you up to date with developments that are announced from Public Health England and the DfE and we will communicate any future changes as early as we possibly can. I hope students can enjoy their last few days of the holidays and come back refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

If you have any queries, please contact us on 01332 671723 or email schoolinfo@leesbrook.co.uk

Yours Faithfully,



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