



Rastrick
High School

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you and your children have had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. We are looking forward to welcoming back all the students during the course of this week. Please take time to read the below important information regarding the January term return to school.

Lateral Flow Device Testing

As you will be aware from previous communication, we have been directed by the DfE to prioritise the offer of one Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test on school site to all pupils as school reopens following the Christmas break. Students will be offered this test on school site, with students returning to face to face learning following a negative result the following day.

The schedule for this weeks LFD testing and return to learning is below.

Date	Date of Initial LFD test	Start date - 8.50am
Wednesday 5 th January	Year 10 and 11 AM & Year 7 PM	
Thursday 6 th January	Year 8 AM & Year 9 PM	Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11
Friday 7 th January		Year 8 and Year 9

Face Coverings

In addition to the above, further guidance from the DfE has been released regarding use of face coverings in school. As such, students are expected to wear an appropriate face covering in corridors and communal areas (unless eating or drinking) and in classrooms/teaching spaces unless exempt.

Please can all parents support the above by **ensuring that your child brings in with them an appropriate, and preferably reusable, face covering each day.**

Ventilation and winter weather uniform adjustment

We will be continuing to prioritise good ventilation in all areas of school. This will mean that windows and doors will be open in classrooms and corridors, wherever possible. As this will continue through the rest of winter, students will continue to be allowed to wear an appropriate coat or jacket, over their blazer as an additional layer, in all areas of school.

Please can all parents ensure your child has with them **an appropriate jacket or coat (this cannot be a hoodie or a jumper)** so that students can be as comfortable as possible during their time in school.

Many thanks for your on-going support and should you have any questions regarding the above please contact your year group Achievement and Support team.

Yours sincerely

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