



St Bede's

Be inspired
Be trusted
Be independent
Be creative
Be curious
Be determined
Be brave
Be happy
Be thankful
Be remembered



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Believe all things are possible

Pupil and Parent Guide

Returning to St Bede's

January 2022

Mass Testing and return to school timetable (summary)

The government, as part of their request for secondary schools to facilitate on-site testing for COVID-19 following the Christmas holiday have suggested that schools stagger the return of pupils in January. Whilst schools are allowed to do this over a week, we feel this can be achieved over a shorter time period and therefore keep any disruption to children's education to a minimum whilst at the same time managing the risk of transmission within school.

Year group(s)	Consented to LFD test?	Return to school date
10 and 11	Yes	Wednesday 5 th January
10 and 11	No	Thursday 6 th January
7 and 8	Yes	Thursday 6 th January
7 and 8	No	Friday 7 th January
9	Yes	Friday 7 th January
9	No	Monday 10 th January

School will be fully open to all pupils from Monday 10th January.

Due to the self-isolation requirement for any individual identified as a close contact of a person infected with the Omicron variant of COVID-19, it will be necessary to keep pupils socially distanced until the result of the LFD (Lateral Flow Device) is known. If the result is positive, the pupil will need to be collected from school and undertake a confirmatory PCR test. The deadline for returning the consent form is **3pm Friday 10th December**.

Staggered arrival times

Due to the anticipated high number of pupils requiring a LFD test, we are having to stagger the arrival times of pupils.

Wednesday 5th January*

8.00 - 8.20am: Year **10** and **11** pupils from whom **consent has been given** who travel on dedicated school transport and those who are reliant on other forms of transport.

10.00 – 10.20am: Other Year **11** pupils for whom **consent has been given**.

12.00 – 12.20pm: Other Year **10** pupils for whom **consent has been given**.

Year 10 and 11 pupils who test negative will then follow their normal timetable.

Thursday 6th January*

8.00 - 8.20am: Year 7 and 8 pupils from whom **consent has been given** who travel on dedicated school transport and those who are reliant on other forms of transport.

10.00 – 10.20am: Other Year 7 pupils for whom **consent has been given**.

12.00 – 12.20pm: Other Year 8 pupils for whom **consent has been given**.

Year 7 and 8 pupils who test negative will then follow their normal timetable.

8.20am: All year 10 and 11 pupils to return to school

Friday 7th January*

8.00 - 8.20am: Year 9 pupils from whom **consent has been given** who travel on dedicated school transport and those who are reliant on other forms of transport.

10.00 – 10.20am: Other Year 9 pupils for whom **consent has been given**.

Year 9 pupils who test negative will then follow their normal timetable.

8.20am: All year 7 and 8 pupils to return to school

Monday 10th January*

8.20am: All pupils return to school.

*Please note the above is subject to change dependent on the number of pupils requiring a LFD test and or changes to government guidance.

The deadline for returning the consent form is **3pm Friday 10th December**.

Other advice/information

Symptoms

Please do not send your child into school if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or if they are self-isolating.

The Lateral Flow Device tests **are not designed** to be used for anyone who is displaying the main symptoms of coronavirus. These are:

- A high temperature.
- A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.



Face Coverings (TBC)

A decision on the wearing of face coverings in secondary schools in January is likely to be made after school has closed for the Christmas holiday. St Bede's will continue to follow national government guidance. Whilst we do have a limited stock in school, we would still encourage pupils to bring a suitable face covering to St Bede's each morning.

Buses (TBC)

School buses will continue to run as normal. Should the rule still be in place, please ensure you wear a face covering, at all times, when travelling to and from school.

Remote Learning

Due to the staffing requirements needed to facilitate mass testing on the school site, details on remote learning provision for Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th January will be available on Show My Homework.