



December 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well at the end of another extraordinary term. As ever, thank-you for your ongoing support and commitment to your child's education. I am writing today with some key updates for the Christmas break and our return to the academy in January.

### Returning to school in January

The Government have asked that all secondary students (who consent) to complete one on-site asymptomatic test when they return to school in January, and then continue to complete tests twice weekly at home.

At Mayfield we will hold this testing on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** which will become a remote learning and testing day, so that all students can be offered the opportunity to be tested. The Theatre will be set up as a testing Centre again and students will be invited in time slots for each year group to complete a Lateral flow test.

Year Group	Testing Centre Time slot
11	9am-10am
10	10am-11am
9	11.30am-12.30pm
8	12.30pm-1.30pm
7	2pm-3pm

Students will be able to arrive at any time during their slot, via the MUGA gate, they will walk around to line up for their tests outside the theatre, be registered and tested before leaving via the bike shed gates. There is no requirement for students to wear uniform on this day, they will be required to wear a face covering in accordance with COVID guidelines.

### Remote Learning

All lessons will be remote for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January but cannot be live Teams lessons as students will be travelling in for testing. All teachers will email out work to their student's Oasis email address, for all classes taught on Tuesday timetables by 8.30am on Tuesday. Students will need their iPad to access their learning and will receive 5 hours of lessons which they can complete at any time during the day around travelling in for their test.

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**All students will return as normal for an 8.30am start on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Consent for Testing**

Students will only be offered a Lateral Flow test if they consent, and we have consent from parents or carers. If you have changed your consent this can be updated on the My Child At School app (MCAS) under the consent menu. If you have previously consented for September testing there is no need to update unless your views have changed.

**Home Testing**

Please continue to support your child to test at home, twice weekly (if they consent). This is a very powerful tool in reducing the spread of Covid-19 by people who do not have symptoms.

**Over the holidays**

We are all looking forward to the upcoming holiday. To help reduce the spread of Covid-19, please remember

1. Please support your child to test across the holiday. You can now order [free lateral flow tests](#) to see if you have Covid-19 (search lateral flow tests.)
2. Should you or your child have symptoms of Covid-19 [please get a PCR test as soon as possible](#) (search 'free PCR Test.')
3. If you are planning on [travelling abroad, the rules have changed](#) (search 'travel from UK').
4. Vaccination, and in some instances vaccination boosters, are now available for all adults and children over 12 who consent. Please support your child to receive the vaccine if you as a family consent. This will help to reduce the risk for everyone.

If you have questions regarding any of the above, please contact admin by using the [info@oasismayfield.org](mailto:info@oasismayfield.org) e-mail address, it will be monitored periodically throughout the Christmas break. Thank you as always for your understanding and support during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Yours sincerely,



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