

Friday 17th December

Dear Varndean Families,

With numerous information circulating about the new COVID variant, we thought it would be useful to share what the current situation is with regards to testing and isolating.

“Even if someone has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, if they are identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 and are exempt from isolation, they are strongly advised to take part in daily lateral flow testing. If the LFD test is positive, they should also take a confirmatory PCR even if it is within the 90 days.”

Therefore, following the current advice we have taken, **all students** should be taking part in the lateral flow testing. If this advice changes over the course of the holiday, we will contact you.

As a school, we are very much committed to our ‘Keep Covid Out’ message and therefore as mentioned in our newsletter on Friday, we will be testing all students before they return to lessons. As an extra measure, we would be grateful if you could test your child 48 hours before coming into school for their test.

The testing schedule is as follows:

January 4th	Testing in school - Years 11, 7 and 8	Google classroom work for all year groups
January 5th	Testing in school for years 9 and 10 Years 7, 8 and 11 first day in school at 8.40am	Google classroom work for years 9 and 10
January 6th	All students in school at 8.40am	

Please see below the testing schedule for our return in January, we have allocated each tutor group a 10/15 minute time slot. We request that students arrive on time for their tests to help the day run smoothly. We have reduced our normal testing time from three days to two days in order to have all students back in school learning as quickly as possible.



Here is the individual tutor group testing timetable:

Tues 4th Jan	
7CCL/A	08:45
7DFL/R	08:55
7EVA/T	09:05
7JWA/R	09:15
7KXC/E	09:25
7LBU/T	09:35
7LNE/L	09:45
7MPR/A	09:55
7SAS/L	10:05
7SJA/E	10:30
8AMI/T	10:40
8DAT/T	10:50
8DBE/L	11:00
8JBA/A	11:10
8KCO/E	11:20
8MWE/L	11:30
8NJW/E	11:40
8NSW/R	11:50
8SBR/A	12:00
8STR/R	12:10
11ASH/E	12:20
11ASI/R	13:00
11ATI/R	13:15
11BAH/A	13:30
11CST/E	13:45
11DJF/T	14:00
11LXS/A	14:15
11NGE/T	14:30
11NJR/A	14:40
11SJC/E	14:50





Weds 5th Jan - Years 9 & 10	
10CMC/R	08:45
10HXS/E	09:00
10JLR/A	09:15
10JXC/T	09:30
10KOS/A	09:45
10LDU/T	10:00
10LTO/R	10:30
10NGC/T	10:45
10TCL/R	11:00
10TES/E	11:15
9ATU/T	11:30
9AXE/R	11:45
9CBR/E	12:00
9CEC/A	12:15
9FJW/R	13:00
9HEM/E	13:15
9JTR/E	13:30
9KBA/A	13:45
9LDE/T	14:00
9SXD/A	14:15

We very much hope that your Christmas break is not disrupted by Covid and that you are able to have a healthy time with loved ones.

If you have any questions about the above information please email mollygoodchild@varndean.co.uk. Please be aware that all staff will be out of the office from 1pm this afternoon and will reply to emails on our return on Tuesday 4th January.

Kind Regards
Varndean School

