

# New Forest Care Education

22/12/2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing to outline our planned COVID measures for the start of the Spring Term, 2022 as well as provide an update on school vaccinations.

At present these plans are subject to change based on any measures/restrictions the government/Department of Education may put in place over the Christmas period.

## Dates for Start of Spring Term 2022

A reminder, that the term starts with an INSET day on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**.  
Students return to school on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**.

## COVID Vaccinations

We have now been provided with a date for COVID-19 Vaccinations.

The Southern Health School Age Immunisation Service (SHSAIS) will be visiting the school on:

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

They have provided a separate letter with details of the process including how to provide parental e-consent for these vaccinations. They will provide 1<sup>st</sup> dose vaccinations for students who have not yet been vaccinated. For students who have already received the 1<sup>st</sup> dose, they will provide a second dose.

The letter from the SHSAIS will be sent to parents separately.

## On Site Asymptomatic Testing

The Department for Education have requested all **secondary aged students** receive on-site asymptomatic COVID testing via Lateral Flow Tests on their return to school in January.

We have received detailed guidance from the DFE now and have been requested to provide two on-site lateral flow tests in January.

The first test should be on the day students return, the second test 3-4 school days after the first test.

As a school, we would like to follow the plan outlined below for Lateral Flow Testing:

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## Wednesday 5th January - On Site LFD Tests

All students to arrive and remain in a designated classroom with their tutor and a teacher for an extended tutor time. Students will be asked to socially distance from each other and from staff during this period.

All relevant students will receive their on-site lateral flow test.

When all tests are complete and results available then students will return to normal timetable for the day, assuming their result is negative.

If a student's test result is positive, they will be isolated on the school site and parents/carers contacted to collect them and arrange a PCR test.

## Friday 7th January - Home LFD Tests

We would ask all parents/carers to ensure a home lateral flow test is completed and result checked before students attend school on Friday 7th January.

If the result is positive, students should remain at home and a PCR test should be booked.

## Monday 10th January - On site LFD Tests

As per the previous Wednesday, all students to arrive and remain in a designated classroom with their tutor and a teacher for an extended tutor time. Students will be asked to socially distance from each other and from staff during this period of time.

All relevant students will receive their on-site lateral flow test.

When all tests are complete and results available then students will return to normal timetable for the day, assuming their result is negative.

If a student's test result is positive, they will be isolated on the school site and parents/carers contacted to collect them and arrange a PCR test.

### Ongoing Home LFD Testing

Once we have completed these tests, we would ask for parents/carers support in maintaining LFD testing at home twice a week on the following days:

1. Monday AM
2. Wednesday AM

These tests should be completed, and results checked before the students attend school.

The school will continue to provide enough boxes for our students to complete twice weekly home LFD tests.

Should any household require additional test kits, they can be ordered for free using the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

### Staff Testing

As per our current COVID Management Plan, all education staff will continue to complete Lateral Flow Tests daily before they arrive at work.

### Other Measures

Other measures in place will continue as follows:

1. All staff at New Forest School will wear Type IIR Face Masks unless lone working in a classroom or office.
2. All staff at New Forest School to LFT test daily before arrival at work.
3. Students are encouraged to complete Lateral Flow Tests twice a week. If students are a close contact, we will ask them to test daily where possible.
4. Students are strongly encouraged to wear face masks unless exempt.
5. Staff/Students to maintain hand hygiene and 'catch it, bin it, kill it' routines.
6. All staff will maintain clean down of shared resources and classroom desks/door handles etc between each lesson and at the end of the school day.
7. Wherever possible, meetings to be held on Microsoft Teams, particularly meetings involving staff from other school sites or external professional. Where onsite meetings are held attendees will observe the two-metre social distancing guidance.
8. External visitors will only attend site where necessary – these visits will be held outside of hours when students are on site wherever possible.
9. Any external visitors or contractors will wear Type IIR face masks.
10. All school sites will receive antibacterial fogging twice a week as a precautionary measure.

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### Student Face Masks

With the emergence of Omicron and rising case numbers please could I ask for support from parents/carers in discussing face masks with your child – we would **strongly encourage all students to wear face masks wherever possible** in January unless exempt from wearing them.

We will continue to monitor the current national and local situation with COVID-19 as well as all updated Department for Education advice and will update our measures accordingly.

Kind regards,



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