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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Covid home testing and return to school in January**

I would like to start this letter by congratulating our students on how maturely and responsibly they have taken to wearing masks in school again. Whilst this is not what we would have wanted, our students' approach has made this a positive transition. We hope that this strategy along with our other measures will help to ensure rates do not escalate in our community.

### **Home testing**

Thank you to all parents who are ensuring our students are undertaking regular home testing and reporting to school. This approach is clearly having an impact and identifying asymptomatic cases which may have led to further spread of infection in school. Please can we all ensure students are home tested twice a week or if any illness symptoms develop and the results reported through this link (<https://forms.gle/UkRJyxbds4yvpW59>).

### **January testing and staggered return to school**

The Government have asked that all students receive an in school Covid test before returning to lessons in January. To facilitate this, we are allowed to undertake a staggered start, with students returning on different days.

We are therefore asking all students to return to school on the days shown below. To ensure the earliest possible start we are asking Year 11 to attend for a Covid test only (not returning to lessons) on our Staff Development Day (Tuesday 4 January).

All other students will need to return to school at the times shown and report to the Sports Hall for their test. **Students should not attend school before the time/date shown in the table below.** Where a student does not have parental permission or has had Covid within 90 days they must still report to the Sports Hall where this will be recorded and the student will then move onto their lesson. Remote learning tasks will be provided through google classroom from Wednesday 5 January until that year group returns to school.

<b>Year group</b>	<b>Return to school day</b>	<b>Return to school time / Please report to the Sports Hall</b>
Year 11	Tuesday 4 January	Any time between 8.45am and 3.15pm (Students will be free to leave school after their test)
Year 13	Wednesday 5 January	Any time between 8.45am and 11.30am
Year 12	Wednesday 5 January	Any time between 12.30pm and 3.15pm
Year 10	Thursday 6 January	8.45-9.45 - Themis and Hyperion students 9.45-10.45 - Iris and Eidyia students 10.45-11.30 – Athena students
Year 9	Thursday 6 January	12.30-1.30 - Themis and Hyperion students 1.30-2.30 - Iris and Eidyia students 2.30-3.15 – Athena students
Year 8	Friday 7 January	8.45-9.45 - Themis and Hyperion students 9.45-10.45 - Iris and Eidyia students 10.45-11.30 – Athena students
Year 7	Friday 7 January	12.30-1.15 - Themis and Hyperion 1.15-2.00 - Iris and Eidyia 2.00-2.30 – Athena

**We will require parental permission for these tests and ask all parents to complete the permission form before Friday 17 December (<https://forms.gle/LAPE9jidBVYebPFi8>).**

If your child has Covid within 90 days of the test date there will be an option to tell us on the form. If they contract Covid between completing the form and the test date please let us know through [info@nsfg.org.uk](mailto:info@nsfg.org.uk).

Thank you for your support with these measures. We continue to appreciate how we can work together to ensure students get the best possible school experience and reduce Covid related absence.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Norwood', written in a cursive style.

Mr C Norwood  
Headteacher