



December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Re: Return to school January 2022 – arrangements and expectations**

Following government announcements this week and updated guidance from the Department for Education, I am writing to provide further information about the start of term in January 2022. In my letter last week, I stated that the school would reopen to students, for the start of term, on Wednesday 5 January 2022. However, schools are now being asked to test students for Covid-19 once, on-site, prior to their return to school in January. In order to facilitate this, schools have been told to stagger the return to school which, for Brockington, will be from Wednesday 5 January to Friday 7 January. Please note, the information below has been put together based on the information we have received; should changes occur, we will of course communicate these with you.

### **Consent for testing**

Students will only be able to take part in testing if the consent form has been completed and consent given. [Please click here for all information and to complete the consent form](#). **PLEASE COMPLETE BY 3PM ON FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER 2021.**

### **Testing at the start of term**

All secondary schools have been asked to set up our test centres once more so that students receive one, on-site, lateral flow device test before they return in January 2022. Students should then continue to test twice weekly at home, in line with government guidelines. Please see the plan below for details of when your child should attend for their test before the start of term, if you have provided consent for them to take part in testing.

TUESDAY		Surname		WEDNESDAY		Surname		THURSDAY		Surname	
04/01/2022		beginning:		05/01/2022		beginning		06/01/2022		beginning	
			09:30	Y7	A-F	09:30	Y8	A-F			
			10:00	Y7	G-L	10:00	Y8	G-L			
			10:30	Y7	M-R	11:00	Y8	M-R			
			11:00	Y7	S-Z	11:30	Y8	S-Z			
13:30	Y11	A-F	12:30	Y10	A-H	12:30	Y9	A-F			
14:00	Y11	G-O	13:00	Y10	I-R	13:00	Y9	G-L			
14:30	Y11	P-Z	13:30	Y10	S-Z	13:30	Y9	M-R			
						14:00	Y9	S-Z			

### **Start of term**

In order to facilitate the on-site testing, we will need to stagger the return of students as per below.

Date	Return
Tuesday 4 January	Year 11 students attend for testing only, as per schedule above
Wednesday 5 January	Year 11 students attend school Year 7 and Year 10 students attend for testing only, as per schedule above
Thursday 6 January	Year 11, Year 7 and Year 10 students attend school Year 8 and Year 9 students attend for testing only, as per schedule above
Friday 7 January	All students attend school



### **Google Classroom**

Work will be available via Google Classroom for students to access if they are not in school on Wednesday 5 January and Thursday 6 January. [All information is available on the school website](#).



## Face coverings

Current guidance about face coverings is due to be reviewed on 17 December, which is the last day of term. As soon as we have clear information about requirements regarding face coverings in schools from January, we will share and confirm this with you.

## College uniform

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents, carers and students of the expectations of uniform at Brockington College. As members of staff at the college, we do not wish to waste any learning time through discussions with students about non-school uniform items. At Brockington College, we have clear uniform expectations as detailed in our [uniform policy](#); and all students are expected to adhere to the wearing of full uniform at all times.

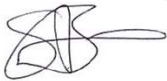
Key points to note include:

- navy blue polo shirt with college logo
- black trousers – must not be stretch/jersey material, denim, jeans, chinos, leggings
- footwear suitable for school. We recommend that canvas shoes/ similar are not suitable. Footwear must be all black, small heeled or flat and must not have any colouring on shoes/laces/stitching. No boots
- hairstyles should be suitable for school and avoid extremes, such as unnatural colour and style; colours including (but not limited to) pink, red, green and blue are not permitted
- jewellery - one small gold/silver stud per ear and a watch only
  - year 9,10 and 11 students may wear one small nose stud. This is not permitted for years 7 and 8.
  - no hoop ear rings, necklaces or rings. No bracelets. No facial or other body piercings.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to maintain a high level of uniform standard at Brockington College. If you have any queries about uniform or equipment, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor, pastoral manager or head of year.

I want to thank you for your ongoing support of the college. I hope that you are able to enjoy a peaceful festive period with your families and very much look forward to working with you again in the new year.

Yours sincerely



Sadie Batstone  
Principal

