



Monday 3rd January 2022

Dear parents, carers and families

January arrangements – return to the Academy

I hope that you all had a relaxing break, and managed to spend time with loved ones. I am writing to reconfirm the arrangements for this week, and also to confirm new government guidance around face coverings.

FACE COVERINGS

As you may be aware, the UK Government has issued new guidance around the wearing of face coverings at schools, with effect from the start of term.

In accordance with this guidance, we will expect our **students, staff and visitors to wear face coverings in communal areas, including classrooms**. This does not apply to those with a medical exemption.

This will be reviewed by the government on January 26th, and it is my hope that by working together, we will be able to see a return to fewer face covering requirements in school.

COVID-19 TESTING

As stated previously, the government requires all students to complete a lateral flow test before they return to the academy in January. Testing is not compulsory but is strongly encouraged.

If you are happy for your child to be tested (or for students over the age of 16, if you are happy to be tested), please fill in the consent form **via the link below by Monday 3rd January 2022**. **If you have already completed this consent form over the last 18 months, then you do not need to complete this again.**

<https://forms.gle/zF7ZLwo7H7QWRqLFA>

If you are unable to complete the form and would like to give consent, or you would like to withdraw consent previously given, please contact us by emailing info@farnboroughspencer.com.

Arrangements for different year groups are details below. Please check carefully for your child. If your child is unable to attend on their testing day, then we will make sure we pick them up on their first day back. They won't miss out!

Year 11	
Tuesday 4th January	Students should arrive at school from 8:15 to complete their test. After completing their test, they will remain in school as normal.
Wednesday 5th January	In school as normal

Year 10	
Tuesday 4th January	Attend school for their testing at the following times and then return home to complete online learning. Surnames A-E 10:30 Surnames F-J 10:50 Surnames K-O 11:10 Surnames P-T 11:30 Surnames U-Z 11:50
Wednesday 5th January	In school as normal

Year 9	
Tuesday 4th January	Complete online learning at home
Wednesday 5th January	Attend school for their testing at the following times and then return home to complete online learning. Surnames A-E 12:00 Surnames F-J 12:20 Surnames K-O 12:40 Surnames P-T 13:00 Surnames U-Z 13:20
Thursday 6th January	In school as normal

Year 8	
Tuesday 4th January	Complete online learning at home
Wednesday 5th January	Attend school for their testing at the following times and then return home to complete online learning. Surnames A-E 09:00 Surnames F-J 09:20 Surnames K-O 09:40 Surnames P-T 10:00 Surnames U-Z 10:20

Thursday 6th January	In school as normal
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Year 7	
Tuesday 4th January	Attend school for their testing at the following times and then return home to complete online learning. Surnames A-E 13:00 Surnames F-J 13:25 Surnames K-O 13:50 Surnames P-T 14:15 Surnames U-Z 14:40
Wednesday 5th January	In school as normal

Maintaining Our Standards

We need to work together to ensure that our students arrive at our Academy fully prepared for learning. A reminder of our clear, affordable, uniform expectations can be found here: <http://www.farnboroughspencer.com/uniform/>.

It is every parent/carers' responsibility to ensure their child meets our high expectations.

During these times, we have made the following, temporary, adjustment to our uniform policy. Students may wear a black jumper (no logos or emblems), the school PE hoody or the Farnborough school jumper in addition to their uniform. A reminder of these changes can be found here: <http://www.farnboroughspencer.com/news/temporary-uniform-changes/>. We are really grateful that you have worked with us on this.

Online Learning

Work will be set online where students are not in school. This should be completed at home. Students have google classroom logins and should know where to find the work. If there are any issues, **please contact your child's head of year** so we can provide support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr G Smith
Principal