



4th January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a lovely time together over the festive period and that you were not too affected by the ongoing pandemic. Thank you to everyone for your lovely messages. On behalf of everyone here we send all our thanks for all your thoughtfulness!

As I write, we are on a lunch break from the mass testing on site. This is going well and I am pleased we have this opportunity to start the term back in the safest way possible.

As you will know, there have been some further changes to the government guidance for C19. They are as follows:

Mask wearing

Students will be asked to wear a mask in all communal areas and in classrooms. We will be expecting masks to be worn on corridors, in class and when lining up- both on the yard and when queuing for lunch. Students will not wear masks outside or when seated for their lunch/break. We realise that some students are exempt. Please click the link below to complete a form and give details of any exemption your child has. Please return this by close of school on Thursday 6th January. If a child is exempt, they will have an exemption card so staff are aware that the child has a reason not to be wearing a mask.

<https://forms.office.com/r/6LNiPbN79z>

Return to school after a positive Covid result

The government has changed the isolation period after someone has been poorly with Covid. Please bear in mind that day zero is the day they started with symptoms or had a positive PCR result. Day 1 is the next day after this. If your child has a negative LFT result on day 6, followed by a negative LFT result 24 hours later on day 7 and do not have a high temperature, they can return to school. Please send through a picture of their two LFTs showing the barcode to attendance@salehighschool.org.uk if they are returning to school after a day 6 and day 7 negative test.

Students should return to school on day 10 if they no longer have any symptoms and are well enough to do so if they haven't returned on the day 6/7 testing rule.

Positive results in the family/ child a close contact

If a family member has Covid, or your child is a close contact they can still attend school. However, they will need to take daily LFTs for ten days each morning before school. If these are negative, they can come in to school.

Thank you for all your support with this. I know the rules are complex and seem to be changing continually- if you have any worries, questions or concerns just get in touch and we will do our very best to support.

I am hoping that we will be able to manage this term with minimum disruption. It is vital that we do as much as possible to keep us all as safe as possible in school so staff and students are able to attend.

Working from Home

As there currently appears to be an increased likelihood that some individuals may have to work from home in the coming weeks please double-check that both you and your child have full access to satchel:one Show My Homework.

There are some common problems students have with their use of satchel:one Show My Homework:

- That they are attempting to complete and submit work on their phones (rather than a PC, tablet or laptop).
- A further reason is that they have attempted to submit the work via their parents' account rather than their own.
- Another reason is that the data has not updated and they need to log out and back in again.

If you face any challenges in the use of satchel:one Show My Homework beyond these, please do not hesitate to contact the school for support. Please check today that your child can get on to this app and complete work set.

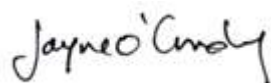
New term focus

We are really looking forward to welcoming students back fully tomorrow. We are having a focus on good punctuality and correct uniform as we return. Students will need to be lined up and with their class by 8.35 otherwise receive a consequence. A reminder that all students should be in full uniform on return and that hoodies are not to be worn in school- a school pullover, blazer and winter coat (as appropriate) should be worn. In addition, we do not allow jewellery or facial piercings so students will be asked them to be removed. Whereas we do have a small supply of masks we are asking families to provide for the students please.

Once again thank you for all your support and help. We are really excited about the new term and all the brilliant things we have planned as well as making sure we get some excellent learning done!

Thank you for all your patience and forbearance.

Very best wishes to you and your families,



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