

16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing to you to thank you for the exceptional support that you have provided to The Bourne Academy through the challenges we have seen in 2021. I am also sure that many of you will have heard the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday evening regarding moving to Plan B. Therefore, in line Department for Education requirements, I would like to explain arrangements for the return to school in January.

As you will see below, there are two versions. Plan A is what we assume will happen and if you hear nothing further, please follow the Plan A instructions, to stagger the return of secondary school students after the Christmas holidays.

However, if there is full or partial closure of the Academy after Christmas, we will be following arrangements detailed under our own Plan B. If we take the decision to move to Plan B, I will write to you again. Whilst having a lovely Christmas break, can I ask that you monitor any communications from the Academy on a regular basis.

Please be aware, all information noted below is correct at time of writing. However, as we have all learned in the past 20 months, things can change quickly so if there is further government advice or change before next week, I will send another communication to you.

As a reminder, the Academy finishes on Friday 17 December. Please continue to LFD test over the holidays twice a week and please do continue to report these via the Academy website. Given the transmissibility of the new variant we will be monitoring numbers of positive cases over the break. If you want to test daily because of wanting to see relatives and friends etc this is fine. We are handing out further test packs over the course of this week or you can order them from:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

#### **Arrangements for January 2022:**

##### **Plan A - what we expect to happen:**

Schools have been asked to 'lateral flow test' students once, onsite, before their return to lessons in January; in order to do this we have been given permission to stagger the whole school return to the Academy. Therefore, we will onsite test on Wednesday 5 January and Thursday 6 January. Students being testing on Wednesday 5 January will require a quick visit to school for their test and will depart as soon as this is completed; they will return to the Academy on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January to start the school term. Students testing on Thursday 6 January will need to attend school in their uniform for their test and will be kept socially distanced onsite until the result of their test is known. If the test is negative, they will return to lessons, if positive you will be contacted and students sent home.

We will contact you by phone if your child's test is positive. Negative test results will be reported to you via text or email later on in the day of the test.

Slots for onsite LFD testing:

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**Please note that if your child has had a positive PCR Covid test since the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021, they will not be required to attend the onsite testing.**

**Wednesday 5 January 2022**

Students to attend the Academy for their test and then return home

**Year 10:**

- 8.45am 10A and 10C tutor groups
- 9.05am 10H and 10K tutor groups
- 9.25am 10P and 10T tutor groups

**Year 11**

- 10.00am Anvil and Calshot students
- 10.20am Hurst and Kingswear students
- 10.40am Portland and Trinity students

**Year 12 – 11.30am**

**Year 13 – 12.00pm**

**Year 8**

- 2.00pm 8A and 8C tutor groups
- 2.20pm 8H and 8K tutor groups
- 2.40pm 8P and 8T tutor groups

**Thursday 6 January 2022**

Students to attend the Academy in uniform and to return to lessons after test, if result is negative.

**Year 9**

- 8.45am 9A and 9C tutor groups
- 9.05am 9H and 9K tutor groups
- 9.25am 9P and 9T tutor groups

**Year 7**

- 9.50am 7A and 7C tutor groups
- 10.10am 7H and 7K tutor groups
- 10.30am 7P and 7T tutor groups

If your child is not attending the onsite testing then they should return for the start of term, in uniform, at their usual start time on Thursday 6 January.

All students are asked to continue twice weekly lateral flow testing from Sunday 9 January 2022 and should report these results to both the NHS and the Academy. Further home test kits will be distributed to students in January.

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**Plan B (unlikely):**

After the Prime Minister announced Plan B measures for England on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021, schools have been asked to put contingency plans together.

These plans would be put in place if:

- There was another national lockdown including school closure like in January 2021
- OR if the numbers of Covid cases within a year group is significantly above 'breakout' thresholds. We will monitor case numbers over the break via the Academy website.

**If the Academy needed to move to remote teaching for one or all Year Groups:**

- There will no longer be the need for onsite testing. Therefore, please keep testing at home
- Full remote teaching would begin on Thursday 6 January
- There would be instructions sent to you to remind your child how to learn remotely
- Provision for our Vulnerable learners would be operational from Thursday 6 January. A booking form and eligibility for places would be sent out straight away upon notification of School Closure or Closure of a Year Group. Please note that as we are not providing ongoing onsite LFD testing this year, students attending this provision would be required to LFD test daily at home.

We have everything crossed that the return to school will follow the Plan A arrangements as laid out above.

Thank you again for your support during 2021. I wish you a restful and happy Christmas and hope to see your children (following a negative onsite) on Thursday 6 January 2022.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr M Avoth**  
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