

5 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year. We hope you have had a good break over Christmas.

It has been great to welcome students back into school for testing and induction over the last two days. Thank you for ensuring your children have completed their lateral flow tests at the weekend and have attended their testing and induction ready for the full return to lessons tomorrow, Thursday 6 January.

This letter contains reminders about supporting your child's strong start to 2022 as well as an update to Covid guidance. Please take time to read it in full.

Starting strong

All students have spent time with their tutors during the induction days to ensure their return to school is a positive one. They have:

- Reflected on their hopes and goals for the term ahead
- Been issued with new planners, timetables and their most recent report
- Revised school routines and expectations

Please support your child by ensuring they have their planner and timetable with them every day, so they arrive to school ready to learn having completed any home learning. Remember timetables can be viewed on the INSIGHT app too.

Uniform and Equipment

The majority of students have arrived looking smart and ready to learn. A reminder that we expect all students in full uniform every day, this includes our rules regarding make-up and jewellery. If you need any support with uniform, please contact your child's Head of House and we will help to ensure your child follows the uniform expectations. A reminder of our uniform policy is linked here: [uniform-policy.pdf \(pcs.hants.sch.uk\)](https://www.pcs.hants.sch.uk/uniform-policy.pdf)

Reports for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

Students spent time during their tutor induction going through their most recent reports. These will be posted home to you this week along with information about a remote parent evening for Years 8 and 10. These reports can also be viewed electronically on the INSIGHT app. Please take time to discuss them with your child.





Year 8 and 10 Parent evening, Thursday 13 January: This will now be a remote parent evening. Appointments can be booked in the usual way to speak to subject teachers using this link <https://parkc.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Year 11 Mock Exams

A reminder that these are scheduled for the final week in January. Mock timetables will be given to students this week. We have postponed the additional Year 11 parent evening that was planned for this week.

Covid updates

We have outlined below how the changes announced by the government over the New year affect students, parents and staff at Park this half term. When changes are announced nationally, the Department for Education updates its detailed guidance to schools which we must then follow.

The key changes are:

1. Mask wearing in classrooms as well as communal areas until 26 January 2022. Please ensure your child has their own mask every day. We have limited supplies in school and will issue where possible, but this should be on a rare occasion only.

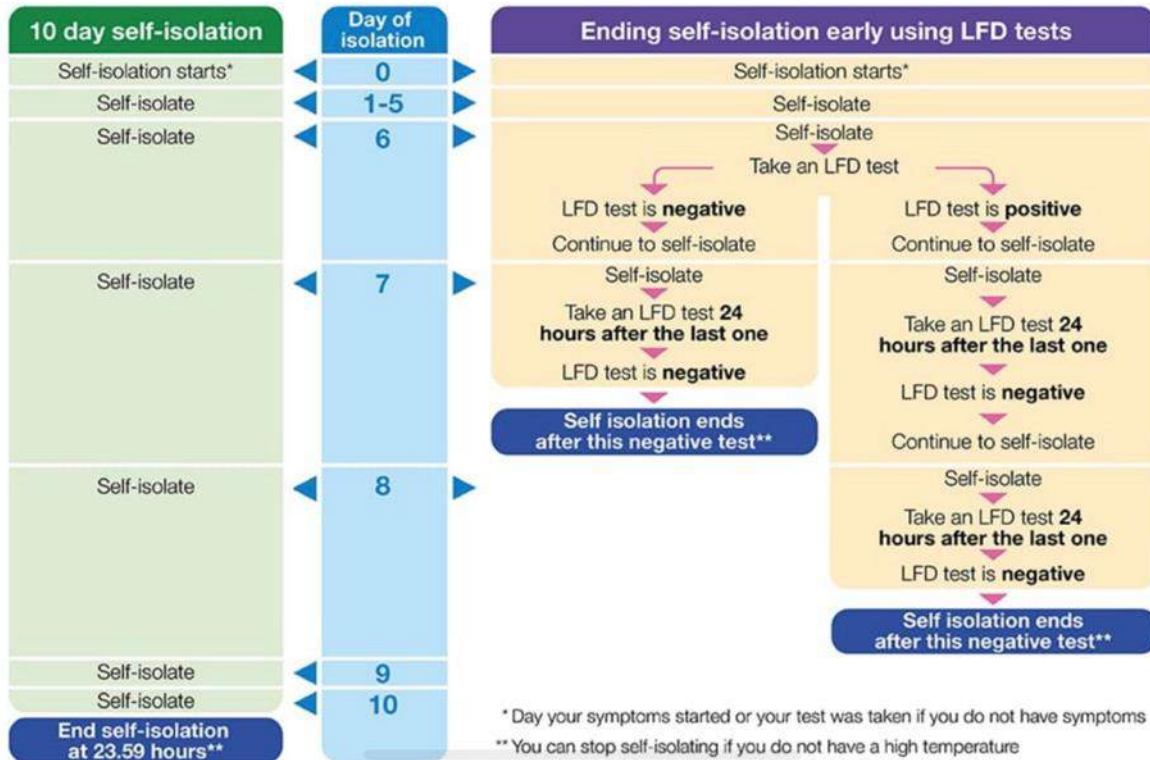
If your child is exempt from mask wearing, this will already be noted on our system. If you need to inform us of any changes linked to this, please contact your child's Head of House via email.

2. Twice weekly lateral flow testing for all students. We have already been doing this as a school. Please continue to upload your results using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/JayeHQZPPX>

As you will be aware from previous communications, we will be replacing one of the weekly lateral flow tests with saliva testing in a few weeks. More information will follow as we receive it.

3. A reduction in the isolation period for positive cases from 10 days to 7 days where a negative lateral flow result is given on day 6 and 7 of isolation and if the individual has no symptoms.

The following diagram explains how this works, but please ask if you need any advice.



Other Covid related information

Absence from school and remote learning: A reminder that all learning can be accessed remotely by students via Teams. Students are well-versed in this now, but if they have any problems at all they should contact their tutor or class teacher directly.

Covid Vaccinations: These are scheduled for later this month.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter and, as always, we look forward to working with you to support your child in continuing to make strong progress and enjoying all aspects of life at Park.

Yours faithfully



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