



**The South Wolds  
Academy  
and Sixth Form**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parent and Carers,

As we near the end of term I thought it would be helpful to update you with various arrangements before the eventful nature of the festive period truly kicks in! The term is as busy as ever, with Year 9 taking part in their Healthy Living Day yesterday, in order to learn more about key areas of health such as mental health awareness and first aid; all students gained a basic first aid certificate and were taught how to help someone in an emergency. I saw some impressive bandaging occurring! Year 11 are in the midst of their mock examinations and have been exemplary in their conduct and preparation. We all enjoyed Christmas dinner this week and my thanks go to Lesley Walker and her catering team for providing a sumptuous offering yet again.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December we will be finishing term at 12.30pm and the school buses are running in line with this. Before we finish we would like to invite all students to join us in a Christmas sparkle day on the 17<sup>th</sup>, whether that is donning a favourite Christmas jumper or just wearing some tinsel, to celebrate the end of term and the start of a wonderful break.

As you may be aware, all schools have been asked to test students before the return to school in January 2022. Due to the additional restrictions, uncertainty and isolation periods relating to the Omicron variant we have decided to err on the side of caution and ask all students to work at home for the first two days of term it will take to conduct the testing.

**Key Information:**

- Work will be uploaded, for all students in Years 7 to 13 inclusive, to Google Classroom for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, following their usual timetable. All teaching staff are working with your child before the end of term to ensure they can access all of the required areas on Google Classroom. If you have any questions, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.
- During this time, students in Years 7 to 13 inclusive will be asked to come into school for an on-site lateral flow test. As soon as they have completed the lateral flow test they must return straight home and I thank you for your support in ensuring this occurs.
- All students will then return to on-site educational provision on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January. All dedicated school buses will resume service on this day.
- We have decided to call students in alphabetically rather than by year groups to support families with children in multiple year groups and I do hope you find this helpful.
- Please note that any child who has had a positive PCR test within the last 90 days should not attend for testing.
- If your child is displaying any [symptoms of Covid-19](#), please do not send them on to site and arrange a PCR test as soon as you can.

**Testing Slots**

Your child(ren) should attend within the relevant 30-minute time period below, based on their surname. There is no need to book, please just arrive and enter the sports hall from the car park adjacent, accessible from Church Drive:

Church Drive, Keyworth, Nottingham NG12 5FF  
e-mail: [office@southwolds.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@southwolds.notts.sch.uk) Website: [www.southwolds.co.uk](http://www.southwolds.co.uk)  
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**Day 1, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

9am A  
9.30am Ba - Be  
10.30am Be - By  
11am Ca - Co  
11.30am Co - Dh  
12pm Di - E  
12.30pm F  
1pm G  
1.30pm Ha  
2pm He - I

**Day 2, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

8.30am J-K  
9am L - Mc  
9.30am Mc - N  
10am O - Pl  
10.30am Po - R  
11am Sa - Sm  
11.30am So - Ti  
12pm To - Wa  
12.30pm We - Wi  
1pm Wo - Z

**Consent**

We will be using the parental consent given for the September round of testing. Should you wish to withdraw your consent please contact the school office. If you have not previously given consent you can do so via the school website.

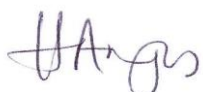
In addition to onsite testing we are asking all students to continue the twice weekly testing programme at home. To support this, students will be given two test kit packs with sufficient tests to last until late January. Children who have previously had a positive PCR test should wait 90 days before recommencing the home testing programme.

I appreciate there is a lot of information in this letter and our aim is to try and keep it all in one place for you for ease of reference. The testing details will also be available on the academy's website.

**And finally..**

We are excited to share our Winter newsletter with you next week with more detailed updates regarding what our students have been involved in this term. But for now may I wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy new year! I hope that you continue to stay safe and enjoy some precious family time.

Yours sincerely



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Head Teacher