

16th December 2021

Start of Term Arrangements

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. I write with further details for the start of term in January 2022.

January 2022 – return to school

School will reopen to students on Wednesday 5th January 2022. Due to the expectation of an offer of a Covid-19 Lateral Flow Test for those students for whom we have consent, we will have a staggered start to the new term. Please refer to the table below. (Tuesday 4th January 2022 will be taken as an INSET day).

Week 1 – WC 3rd January

Monday 3 rd January	Tuesday 4 th January	Wednesday 5 th January	Thursday 6 th January	Friday 7 th January
Bank Holiday	<p>Staff INSET Day</p> <p>Year 10, 11, 12, 13 and Cas Tigers Pupils will have their Lateral Flow Test.</p> <p>All students will be given an appointment slot throughout the day. They will attend school take their test and then return home.</p>	<p>Year 7,8 and 9 will have their Lateral Flow Test.</p> <p>All students will be given an appointment slot throughout the day. They will attend school take their test and then return home.</p> <p>Year 10, 11, 12, 13 will be in school this day</p>	<p>All students in school.</p> <p>Mop-up testing.</p>	<p>All students in school.</p>

Consent for LFD Testing

Secondary students can only be tested in the Academy if you, as parent or carer, have given explicit consent.

If you have previously given consent and now wish to withdraw consent, please contact main reception or email covid@airedaleacademy.com by the end of the day today – as per my previous communications.

Appointment Times for Covid-19 Tests

Students for whom parents / carers have given consent, need to attend the Academy for their Lateral Flow Test as per the programme below. Students must attend in full school uniform (this is so that we can help assist with any uniform issues before we start formal lessons) and be at the main gates on Crewe Road 5 minutes prior to their time. Staff will be onsite to support students. Once students have had their test, they will return home.

Tuesday 4 th January 2022 Appointment Time	Students to attend
9:30 – 9:55	11.1 and 11.2
9:55 – 10:45	11.3, 11.4, 11.5
Staff Break	
10:55 – 11:55	11.6, 11.7, 11.8
11:55 – 12:05	10.1, 10.4, 10.7
Staff Lunch	
12:35 – 1:35	10.8, 10.5, 10.6
1:35 – 2:35	10.3, 10.2
2:35 – 2:50	Sixth Form Students and Cas Tigers

Wednesday 5th January 2022 Appointment Time	Students to attend
8:30 – 8:50	7.1, 7.2
8:55 – 9:30	7.3 and 7.4
9:30 – 9:50	7.5, 7.6, 7.7
Staff Break and time to catch-up	
9:55 – 10:35	7.8 and 8.1
10:35 – 10:55	8.7 and 8.2
10:55 – 11:35	8.3 and 8.4
11:35 – 11:55	8.8 and 8.6
Staff Lunch and catch-up	
12:55 – 1:35	9.1 and 9.6
1:35 – 2:05	9.2 and 9.4
2:05 – 2:35	9.3 and 9.5
2:35 – 3:00	Run Over Time

Cashless Catering

As you will remember, we had problems with the new cashless catering system when we returned in September this year. While the company rectified their issues, we effectively added an overdraft to


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students' accounts so we could be sure no child was left without food in the meantime. Civica has resolved the issues and so, from when we return in January, we will revert to catering payment services as planned in that **purchases can only be made if a student has credit on their account**. Please check your child's balance on the My Child at School app (or website version of the app if you prefer) to ensure there is credit available for them from 5th January 2022. When we come back to school, if there is a debt on the account, the tills will not allow a purchase to be made. If your child has no credit available to buy lunch, please make sure you send them to school with food and a drink.

If you have a debit balance which you cannot repay over the holidays, please contact the office in January to confirm when you will be able to do this. If you are unable to make an immediate payment it is important we know when you will be able to do this to avoid further action. If you feel you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please take a look at the information on this link <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/free-school-meals>. If you are eligible, the council can sometimes backdate the start date of the funding so please have a look if you feel you may qualify, even if only for a short period of time. If you need any further support, please contact the school office.

We look forward to welcoming students back to school as per the timetable above from Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 8:30am.

Yours faithfully



Miss L Proctor
Principal