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# IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families have managed to have a good break over the summer, finding time to relax and recharge. We are looking forward to welcoming students back to school over the coming days. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to remind you about arrangements and timescales.

All students are required to undertake two lateral flow tests, in school, at the start of term. The first of these is prior to returning to lessons. To provide the most flexibility we have asked that parents book a time, on the identified date, for your son/daughter to be tested. Please use this link to register and book a slot <https://imberhorne.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

- Year 7 and Year 11 are being tested on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (commencing lessons on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September)
- Year 9 and Year 10 are being tested on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September (commencing lessons on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September)
- Year 8 and Year 13 students are being tested on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September (Year 8 commence lessons on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, Year 13 commence lessons on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September)
- Year 12 students may choose to be tested on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, working around other commitments, they commence lessons on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September

When students return to lessons we ask that those in Year 8 – Year 11 wear their lanyard from last year, along with their ID card. We intend to retain the use of lanyards and cards this academic year. Students will be able to access their timetables via Edulink and therefore see what lessons they will have in the first few days. Students must wear full school uniform, bringing their PE kit with them on days when they have PE on their timetable.

You are also probably aware that the rules regarding Covid contacts and the need to isolate have now changed. From September schools are not expected to undertake contact tracing. In addition, students (aged 18 and under) and vaccinated adults are no longer required to routinely isolate if they are a potential contact. Contacts who may need to take further action will be identified and communicated with by the NHS Test and Trace service, this may include other family members. We are advised that students and staff should continue to undertake twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests at home, until the end of September when this advice will be reviewed.



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Guidance provided to schools with regards to testing and self-isolating is as follows:

- If your son or daughter has symptoms, they should self-isolate – and you should inform the school. Parents are then expected to order a PCR test for them. If the PCR result is negative, they can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the PCR result is positive, they must self-isolate until 10 days after the onset of symptoms
- If your son or daughter has a positive result from a lateral flow device (LFD) test, they should self-isolate – and you should inform the school. You should then order a confirmatory PCR test. If the confirmatory test is taken within two days and the result is negative, they can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the confirmatory PCR test is positive (or is taken more than two days after the LFD), they must self-isolate until 10 days after the LFD test
- PCR tests can be booked online through the NHS Test & Trace website or by calling 119
- PCR test results will be recorded with NHS Test and Trace automatically, but you should also communicate the result to the school

Students are no longer required to wear masks in school but are expected to wear them on buses or other dedicated transport to and from school.

We appreciate that the last 18 months has been a very challenging time for us all. We hope that school can now return to normal and that we can run planned activities as usual, providing students with the experiences we believe they should have. Your ongoing support means a great deal to us. We will continue to keep you fully informed and ensure that the school remains a safe and happy place for everyone.

Yours faithfully  
Mr M Brown  
Headteacher