



Striving for Excellence

# Cirencester Kingshill School

Head: Christine S. Oates

11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you and your families had an enjoyable Christmas break. Last week was certainly a busy start to the new term

## COVID and LATERAL FLOW TESTING

As you may be aware, the rate of COVID infection within the local community is currently very high. The Government has, however, stipulated that schools are to remain open. To this end, should there be a number of staff absences, we have established a contingency plan in order to keep school open and for pupils to carry on attending. Part of the contingency plan is to merge classes, as well as pupils being taught online. Only as a last resort would year groups be sent home. Continuity of learning is paramount and we will do all we can to ensure that there is as minimal disruption as possible.

The requirement on pupils wearing face coverings in class was set by government at the end of last year. Whilst this is a national requirement, we are grateful to those that are able to wear face coverings, wearing them in classrooms, corridors and communal areas. Please ensure that your child brings a clean face covering each day.

Can you please encourage your child to keep testing twice weekly. More lateral flow tests were handed out last Friday to those pupils who chose to take them. Should your child currently be absent from school, and you would like a box for them so they can test, you are welcome to collect one from reception.

Within school, we have hand sanitisers in classrooms for pupils to use before and at the end of lessons and hand sanitiser stations around school.

Government guidance regarding when to have a PCR test has changed from today. If you are asymptomatic and test positive on a lateral flow, you need to self-isolate but do not need to take a confirmatory PCR test. Further guidance and information can be found [here](#).

12 to 15-year olds in England are now able to book their second COVID vaccination, at a minimum of 12 weeks from the first dose. If this is something your child is able to have, the NHS booking system can be found [here](#)

## REPORTING SCHOOL ABSENCES

A reminder on how to report absence for your child. There are three options for informing school:

1. Call school on 01285 651511, press option 1 and leave a message
2. Email [attendance@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk)
3. Clicking on the following link: <https://www.cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk/report-an-absence/>

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e-mail: [office@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:office@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk)

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Should your child have tested positive for COVID, please can you provide school with the following information:

- The date your child tested positive on a Lateral Flow
- Whether they have symptoms
- The date they are having a PCR, should they have symptoms
- The result of the PCR test, once received
- The date they are due to return to school

This will help school with maintaining records and also avoid unnecessary telephone calls home.

## **YEAR 11 MOCK RESULTS DAY**

Year 11 mock results day has been moved to Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022, with Parents' Evening taking place on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. A letter with more information is due to be sent out at the end of this week.

## **PARENT GOVERNOR**

We are still in the process of recruiting for a parent governor. If you feel you have the experience and skills to help the school, please do get in touch with Mrs Bryant (Clerk to the Governors) either via email – [rbryant@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:rbryant@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk) or by ringing 01285 651511, option 4, for an informal discussion.

## **EXTEND CLUBS**

The Extend spring programme starts this week. There is still time to sign up to a club, please email Mrs Sperti – [rsperti@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:rsperti@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk) – if your child is interested in attending.

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated. It really does help school run smoothly and efficiently, especially during the current climate.

Yours sincerely,

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