

# Kettlethorpe High School

Standbridge Lane, Sandal, Wakefield WF2 7EL

Headteacher: Mr T Griffiths



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Dear Parents and Carers

We look forward to welcoming our pupils back into school on Wednesday 5th January. Please find below updated information about the return to school this week.

## **Face Coverings**

Following updated Department for Education guidance, all pupils must wear masks when inside the school building, including in classrooms during their lessons. The only exception to this is pupils who are medically exempt. Pupils can remove masks when eating and drinking. We have been informed that this guidance will be reviewed by Wednesday 26th January. It is the responsibility of parents, carers and pupils to provide appropriate face masks for use in school.

## **Lateral Flow Testing (LFD Test)**

All pupils should participate in Lateral Flow Testing on the return to school in January and should continue this testing twice weekly at home. Pupils who have not been tested in school on Tuesday 4th January should complete this at home before returning to school. If you are unable to undertake this test at home prior to returning to school, please contact Sue Thompson at [suethompson@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:suethompson@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk) who will arrange for your child to be tested in school as soon as possible on their return. This includes pupils who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days, as long as they have finished their isolation period.

Pupils who are identified as a close contact of somebody with COVID-19 should take a LFD Test every day for seven days and continue to attend school unless they have a positive result or develop symptoms of COVID-19. Pupils who test positive for COVID-19 on a PCR test are required to self-isolate for 10 days. Pupils can complete a LFD Test on day 6 and day 7 (24 hours apart). If both of these tests are negative and the pupil does not have a high temperature, they can end their isolation and return to school on day 8.

## **Hygiene**

Pupils are expected to regularly wash their hands throughout the school day and to use hand sanitiser on entry to and exit from classrooms.

This is not the start of the term that we were hoping for but we must follow the instructions from the Department for Education in order to keep the school community safe. We would like to thank you for your support in starting the term smoothly and safely.

Kind regards,

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Deputy Headteacher