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Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19 including testing and vaccinations, Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19, Year 11 reports, Year 13 parents' evening, Year 9 options week (including virtual events)

Welcome to my end of week letter. I promise to keep this one short because we are approaching some larger events and longer letters in weeks to come.

Covid-19 including testing and vaccinations

We continue to encourage twice weekly testing at home on Wednesdays and Sundays using home LFT kits. This is vital to support us in keeping our academy open and fully functioning in the winter months whilst infection rates are still higher in the community.

The School Aged Immunisation Service still plan to visit us again to administer first and second doses of the Covid-19 vaccination on Thursday 3 February 2022. Please ensure that they have your consent in advance of the day in order for your child to receive their vaccination, if this is your wish.

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

Year 11 reports

These were published prior to parents' evening last week.

Year 13 parents' evening

This will take place next Wednesday, 19 January from 4.30pm – 6.30pm. This event will be virtual given the current situation with Covid-19. The instructions have already been published for booking appointments for this event. If you have any questions in relation to this, please contact Mrs Corah, Director of Achievement for Key Stage 5, via email at acorah@srpa.co.uk.

Year 9 options week (including virtual events)

This will take place in school during the week of 24 – 28 January for all Year 9 students and will be accompanied by a dedicated microsite on Frog for student and parent access and a live Q&A event to support anyone needing it. We will also be giving every student a formal published 'prospectus' type guide to the event.

More details will be published next week in full.

At the time of writing, we continue to operate in full and normally. I do not see this changing at this time unless something radical happens that I am currently not aware of. I remain impressed by the good humour and determination shown by our youngsters as we navigate these winter weeks. I hope they continue to be so positive.

As I sign off this week, I am reminded of the words of Martin Luther King who said "We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right."

Keep smiling. I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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