



CENTRAL FOUNDATION BOYS' SCHOOL

3rd January 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

A happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a restful break.

We start the year with further challenges presented by COVID-19. We will address these challenges, as we have done throughout the pandemic, by doing all that we can to keep the members of the community safe and providing all the support that we can to all members of our community. I have set out details of our control measures in this letter.

What I consider remarkable, is that through this time, as a result of the positive attitude and resilience of the students; along with the commitment and professionalism of the school's staff, we have continued to ensure that the students receive a high quality education. We have not just stood still in that provision, but we have focussed on improving it in many areas. This is already shown to be bearing fruit in the progress that the students are making. The progress reports of Year 7, 9 and 11, that we completed at the end of last term, all show that the students are making progress in line with pre-pandemic years, and in the case of some Year groups, they currently appear to be exceeding this 'normal' progress.

A manifestation of the quality of provision and the progress that the students have made was apparent in the winter music concert at the end of last term. The performances by the students were exceptional and the result was a wondrous and deeply moving evening. Our commitment is to continue to improve on our provision for the students, be it in Music or other areas of the curriculum. We recognise that the students have one childhood, and whatever the challenges we must do all that we can to ensure they develop and get great enjoyment out of this period.

1. ON-SITE TESTING AND STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL - 4th - 6th JANUARY 2022

In line with the government guidance, all schools should test all of their students once before they resume their lessons in January. Unless advised otherwise by the parents, we will rely on the consent provided by the parents at the start of the on-site school testing programme that was launched in January 2021. If you are yet to provide your consent for your child to be tested, please complete the consent form attached to this correspondence and return it to us at info@cfbs.islington.sch.uk or ensure that your child brings the consent with them on their testing day. You only need to complete the consent form if you have not done so previously.

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The testing schedule for our students is as follows:

Tuesday 4th January – testing for Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students (this is also an INSET day)

Students attend only for their test. Students should not attend if they are unwell. Students should attend at the time allocated to their form:

8.30 – 9.15am – 10C, 10E
9.15am – 10.00am - 10N, 10T
10.00am – 10.45am – 10R, 10A
10.45 – 11.30am - 10L, 11C, 11E
11.30am – 12.30pm – 11N, 11T, 11R, 11A
1pm – 2.30pm – Year 12
2.30pm – 4pm – Year 13

Wednesday 5th January – spring term starts for Year 10,11,12,13 – normal school day

Wednesday 5th January – testing for Year 7, 8 and 9

Students attend only for their test. Students should attend at the time allocated to their form:

8.30am – 9.15am – 7C, 7E
9.15am – 10.00am - 7N, 7T
10.00am – 10.45am – 7R, 7A, 7L
10.45am – 11.30pm – 8C, 8E
11.30am – 12.00pm - 8N, 8T
12.30pm – 1.30pm – 8R, 8A, 8L
1.30pm – 2.15pm – 9C, 9E
2.15pm – 3.00pm – 9N, 9T
3.00pm – 4.00pm – 9R, 9A, 9L

Thursday 6th January – whole school back as normal

Even if someone has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they are strongly encouraged to take part in LFD testing on-site and then at home once they have completed their isolation period for their prior infection.

2. TESTING ONCE STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

All students are strongly encouraged to continue testing at home twice a week and upload the test result on the government website. Home test kits are regularly distributed to the students.

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3. IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day **self-isolation period** for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been **reduced to 7 days** in most circumstances, unless they cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and the individual does not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school/daily activities from day 8.

They should, however, continue to take LFD test on day 8, 9 and 10. Parents and carers should notify the school as soon as possible when their child tests positive for Covid-19.

4. IF YOUR CHILD IS A CONTACT OF A POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE

Children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time. A PCR test is no longer required for contacts unless they develop symptoms.

5. FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings must be worn by the students in communal areas and in lessons, unless exempt.

We would be very grateful if parents could ensure that their child has a face covering on them. The school carries a stock of face masks but the stock level is limited.

6. HOME LEARNING DURING SELF-ISOLATION

Students who test positive for Covid-19 and need to self-isolate, will be supported by a designated member of staff in their home learning. This is, of course, providing they feel well enough to study at home.

We look forward to welcoming our students back this week.

Best wishes

Mr Brownhill
Headteacher