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Wednesday 8th December 2021

Phased Return to School in January with testing for all students and Uniform reminder

Dear Parents and Carers

Phased Return to School in January

As we have been requested by the Department of Education and Public Health to test all students before they return to school in January, we are having a phased return for all students when we return in for the Spring term, similar to the arrangements in September 2021. Whilst testing is not compulsory, we are hoping you will support us in Asymptomatic Testing to ensure that all students and staff can return to school safely.

Please note that the Asymptomatic tests which will be carried out in January in school will be nasal tests only and are called Orient Gene Lateral Flow Tests.

We are asking all students to be tested the day before school starts for their respective year group. Please see your child's day and test time below. The timetable is also available on our school website. We will be teaching your child remotely via Teams when they are not in school during the first week. Please see the details below which will also be followed up in a separate letter to you about '**on-line learning**'.

Your child does not have to wear school uniform for the test and the whole process will take no more than 15 minutes. We encourage parents and carers to drop their children off near to school and then wait for them to take them home immediately after their test. We will contact anyone who tests positive, and your child should receive notification of their test result within 24 hours from the NHS.

Please ensure your child arrives 5 minutes ahead of their test time.

Students must only arrive on the school site at their specified time and will be directed to go to the school sports hall via the side fire exit doors, accessed via the main car park.

All students are being tested in their respective form groups.

Students are expected to attend school as normal, in full school uniform, the day after their first test date set out below.

I am sure you appreciate this is a massive undertaking for a school with over 1750 students and we thank you and our students in advance of this return to school. I will email and post on the school social media outlets the specific times for year groups in the week leading up to our return as a reminder.

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. We can also offer additional support for any students with an EHCP or who have any anxiety about the testing.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and students to remain in school safely. Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms. By testing, we will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our school open as safely as possible.

If your child has tested positive for COVID within the last 90 days (since the 4th October 2021) they **do not** need to engage in the onsite Orient Gene Lateral Flow Testing. **Please inform the school via enquiries@tretherras.net if this is the case so we can update our internal records.**

How will my child be taught whilst they are at home, waiting to be tested?

Term starts on Tuesday 4th January 2022; however, your child may not be in school until later that week. Other than when they are in school being tested, your child is expected to follow their normal school timetable and engage in Online Teams lessons.

Your child has been taught and reminded how to access these lessons during their recent form time and they will need their Office 365 password. Please check they have this sorted by the end of this term!

In case they forget over the holidays, here is a step by step guide to help them access their lessons:

- For best functionality use the Microsoft Teams app for your home computer/laptop/tablet or smartphone. Alternatively, type office.tretherras.net in your web browser, log in using the details below and select the Teams app in Office 365.
- Username = your school email address, which begins with your school username: username@students.tretherras.net Password = your school account password.
- Once you have logged in to Teams you will see coloured icons next to each class name. If these do not appear on your screen press 'Teams'. The class name begins with 2021, followed by the Teaching Group/Option/Population and then the Subject code e.g., 2021-7K-G (7K Geography), 2021-11Y4-E (11Y4 English).
- Click on the class you have next, then wait for the lesson to commence.
- When the teacher starts the lesson, you will see a 'join now' button/alert which you must press to be connected to the remote lesson.
- Your mic and camera should be off, unless otherwise instructed by your teacher.
- Try to be punctual, however, you can still join a lesson even if you are late.
- If you are experiencing technical difficulties try leaving and rejoining the class.
- Unfortunately, your teacher cannot solve your technological hitches. Please contact IT support if necessary; itservices@tretherras.net

Whilst we're not expecting any school closure in January, should another lockdown happen, this is how your child will be taught. Please contact school at itservices@tretherras.net or enquiries@tretherras.net should you need any ICT support.

What if a student tests positive?

Participating staff and students who test positive will be informed about their results individually. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be notified. Guidance on safe travel and additional precautions will be provided along with test results.

Students with a positive result will need to take a further 'PCR test' (similar to those done in local and regional testing sites) on the same day (or as soon as possible). If this is the case, please visit www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119 to book a follow-up test. If ordering a PCR test yourselves, you should choose to visit a drive-through/walk through test site if possible, as it is faster than requesting a home test.

Programme of Student Test and Go at Newquay Tretherras in January

04.01.2022	
Time	Form Group
Year 11	
8:55	CLR
9:05	DJB
9:15	ITV
9:25	JSW
9:35	KAS
9:45	LYS
9:55	MOL
10:05	PES
10:15	RHK
10:25	ROG
04.01.2022	
Time	Form Group
Year 10	
11:15	CES
11:25	CGH
11:35	CJT
11:45	CR
11:55	DWT
12:05	EMH
12:15	EMW
12:25	KF
12:35	KIC
12:45	LOJ
12:55	SGR

05.01.2022	
Time	Form Group
Year 12 & 13	
8:55	ATM
9:05	CAH
9:15	DJM
9:25	ECC
9:35	GIB
9:45	JH
9:55	LJF
10:05	SLH
10:15	TEF
10:25	TRW
05.01.2022	
Time	Form Group
Year 9	
11:15	BJM
11:25	BMS
11:35	EJA
11:45	ERA
11:55	ESH
12:05	JSS
12:15	KSB
12:25	LCS
12:35	PPV
12:45	SAP
12:55	SIR
13:05	TAW

06.01.2022	
Time	Form Group
Year 8	
8:55	ACM
9:05	ACR
9:15	ADT
9:25	EJF
9:35	JAB
9:45	JDK
9:55	KHS
10:05	LJE
10:15	MEC
10:25	SKY
06.01.2022	
Time	Form Group
Year 7	
11:15	YR.8 - SMB
11:25	ANR
11:35	EIW
11:45	FLB
11:55	GAJ
12:05	HAB
12:15	KHP
12:25	LSN
12:35	MJJ
12:45	NAC
12:55	SGS
13:05	YHK

Therefore, students' full return to school is as follows:

- Years 10 and 11 – Wednesday 5th January 2022
- Years 9, 12 and 13 – Thursday 6th January 2022
- Years 7 and 8 – Friday 7th January 2022

Uniform

We would like to remind you of our uniform expectations at Newquay Tretherras. We know that our uniform has an important part to play in generating a sense of belonging to our school community and in supporting our high expectations of good behaviour and pride in our school. 'NT Ready' is an important part of our tutorial programme and, every Monday, our form tutors ensure that students are correctly presented and equipped for the week ahead, so that they can successfully access their learning.

Uniform, Piercings, Hair Colour

As we start to prepare for the new academic year, can we please ask that you support us by ensuring that any new piercings have healed, as we only allow one earring per ear and **do not allow any other facial piercings**. Can we also ask that hair colours and styles are returned to those accepted by our Uniform Policy, which you can find on the school website <https://tretherras.net/nt-uniform/>

If you require any clarification about our uniform rules, or need financial assistance, please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's Head of Year, who will be happy to help.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that students will be attending school in full school uniform each day and will get changed for their PE lessons.

Face masks and school transport

Students travelling on public and or school contract buses are still expected to wear a face mask. Students are also expected to wear face masks in and around school as per the government guidance.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school via the enquiries@tretherras.net email if you have any questions about the return to school programme for January.

Yours sincerely



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