



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Phased Return/Covid-19 Testing

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday afternoon the government announced that secondary schools should operate a phased return to school after the Christmas holiday. In addition, schools are to prepare to offer rapid covid-19 testing to all students and staff from the first week of term. To help schools to prepare for this new responsibility, there will be an additional INSET day on Monday 4th January.

Key dates

Monday 4th January INSET day.

Tuesday 5th January Return to School: Year 11, Year 13
Years 7-10 and Year 12 to access remote learning via Show My Homework

Monday 11th January All students return to school.

If you are a critical worker or your child has an EHCP and you would like to request provision for them in school from 5th January, please inform school by completing this form <https://bit.ly/3h13RtK>

If your child is entitled to free school meals you will be provided with vouchers for the week commencing 4th January.

Covid-19 Testing

The government has advised schools to set up testing centres on site and to prepare to offer all secondary-age pupils and staff two lateral flow device tests spaced three days apart at the start of term. Tests will not be compulsory, and students will be able to return to school on the dates set out above regardless of whether they are tested. Parental consent forms will be required for any student who wishes to be tested. We will write to you early next week once we have fuller information from the government on how the scheme is to operate.

Reporting a confirmed case of Covid-19

Should your child test positive for Covid-19 over the Christmas holidays, please email us at covid@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk adding the following information: child's name, date of birth, date last in school, date of first symptoms and date on which the positive test was taken.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Ecclesbourne community a relaxing and restorative Christmas holiday and a very happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

James McNamara

Head Teacher