

Dear parent/carers,

As you may be aware, the government has recently announced increased measures in school to keep our community safe as we enter the winter months in relation to the ongoing Covid pandemic. Once such measure has been the reintroduction of face coverings in communal areas school; thank you to families for their continued support with this matter.

In addition to re-introducing face coverings, the Government has asked schools to undertake one lateral flow with those students who have consented prior to their return in January. In order to do this, schools are allowed to stagger the start of the new term to accommodate additional testing. The new term was due to begin for all pupils on Tuesday 4th January, however to respond to these changes, we have amended the start dates for students across year groups as outlined below:

Year	Tuesday 4th January	Wednesday 5th January	Thursday 6th January	Friday 7th January
Year 11	9:30am - 11:30am Student testing P4 Onwards: in school	Lessons as normal	Lessons as normal	Lessons as normal
Year 7	At home	Onsite for testing only 11:00am - 1:00pm	Return to school; lessons as normal	Lessons as normal
Year 10	At home	Onsite for testing only 8:30am - 10:30am	Return to school; lessons as normal	Lessons as normal
Year 9	At home	At home	Onsite for testing only 8:30am - 10:30am	Return to school; lessons as normal
Year 8	At home	At home	Onsite for testing only 11:00am - 1:00pm	Return to school; lessons as normal

Students should arrive at school on their first day back ready to begin school at the normal time of 8:25am; for Year 11 students returning to school on Tuesday 4th January, they should return to school for 11:35am. They should be in full school uniform (including proper school trousers and school shoes); hair should be natural in colour with no lines and students should return with lanyards to be worn at all times. If students are just attending for testing only, you will find your child's appointment time in the letter sent home.

Consent:

Children under the age of 16 must have parental consent to undertake testing. For students who have previously given consent for testing, this will remain in place. If you will like to amend testing consent, either to remove or add your child

to the list, please contact the school via studentprogress@uak.email.
Following the initial test in school, students should continue to test themselves twice weekly at home; using the lateral flow kits provided.

If any of these changes pose a concern, a colleague in school is happy to discuss this with you. Please contact the school via 01535 210 33 or office@uak.email

We look forward to welcoming all our students after the Christmas break to begin the new term.

With thanks,

Mr Turvey

Head of School