



10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the final update for this term. Once again, the last twelve months has proven that by working together, we can overcome any challenges that are put in our way and continue to support the education of every child. Over the Christmas period, I do hope that you manage to have some time with your family and friends as well as keeping yourselves safe.

**Term will end on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December and pupils will be finishing at 12.30pm on this date.** Please make arrangements to ensure your child can get home safely at this time.

When school reopens for the new term in January 2022 we will be setting up an Asymptomatic Test Site as we have done previously. The purpose of this is to identify any individuals who have no symptoms. To do this as safely as possible, all testing will be completed on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Children whose parents have provided consent for on site testing, will be invited in to school at a specific time on this day to take their test, and then they will return home. Parents will be informed of the test result later in the day. Any children who receive a positive result will then be required to self-isolate in line with current guidance. The time when pupils are expected at school to take their test will be shared with parents before the end of next week.

**The new term will then start for all pupils on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 8.45am.** Adopting this approach follows Government guidance and will ensure any individuals who are positive with the virus are isolating before children return to lessons at school. Anyone who is displaying any of the three main symptoms of COVID or has a positive LFT result must stay at home and seek a PCR test immediately. In addition, an individual must self-isolate if they have been instructed to do so by NHS Track and Trace. Please do inform the school if your child has to remain at home for any of these reasons. Face coverings will be required in the new term so please ensure your child brings these to school every day.

On the first day back, pupils must be in full school uniform and bring their correct equipment for lessons. Full details regarding our uniform and Super 7 can be found on our [website](#). It might be a useful 'stocking filler' to provide some pens, pencils or other equipment that would be useful at school! In the new term, we will be contacting parents immediately if pupils do not meet our uniform expectations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and kind messages through this term. The Stafford Manor High School community are simply fantastic and we appreciate all you do for each other. We will continue to work together to do everything we can to support every single child to fulfil their dreams and ambitions. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions or need any support. Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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