



# The COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL *Leftwich*

Achieving Excellence

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Newsletter and Senior Citizens' Event Showcase**

As we reach the end of term, I am delighted to share our latest newsletter <https://sway.office.com/iuC4Nar5WQgGo8qa?ref=Link>. The newsletter details the vast array of joyous and rewarding experiences my students have embraced and my colleagues have provided. I hope you find scrolling through the pictures as uplifting as I did.

I am also delighted to share the showcase Year 11 students have created to share with local Senior Citizens. We were really disappointed to once more have to cancel our annual Senior Citizens' Christmas party. However, Year 11 rose to the challenge and have this week delivered gifts and a DVD of their showcase to our local senior citizens. Well done Year 11. The showcase can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/rFZd0WYotLE>.

## **COVID Testing**

Over the Christmas break, please do continue to support your child to test twice-weekly at home, with lateral flow device test kits, 3-4 days apart. Testing does remain voluntary but is strongly encouraged. For all tests completed, please continue to report the result to [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result)

It is especially important that, for all consenting students, a home-test is completed on **the morning of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022** prior to all students returning to school.

As previously shared, in addition, the latest Department for Education guidance requests that to help reduce transmission of the virus after a period of social mixing over the holidays, schools once again test students (where consent has been received) upon their return.

Upon return to school on 5<sup>th</sup> January, for those students where consent has been granted an appointment time will be allocated according to the schedule below. Students will be supported to complete the test by school staff, and then return to their lessons. You will be notified of the result of the test by either school staff or NHS Test and Trace.



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Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
All students return to school	All students in school	All students in school
<b>Year 7 on-site testing from 1.20pm -3.15pm</b>	<b>Year 10 and Year 11 on-site testing from 9.15am – 3.15pm</b>	<b>Year 8 and Year 9 on-site testing from 9.15am – 3.15pm</b>
Appointment times will be confirmed during morning registration	Appointment times will be confirmed during morning registration	Appointment times will be confirmed during morning registration

We have been advised by the Cheshire West and Chester Public Health team that students who have tested positive for COVID within the 90 days prior to their return to school should also test themselves at home prior to returning to school and at our on-site facility.

I will, of course, communicate further should we need to change any arrangements and procedures before a January return.

Finally, I wish you all a joyous Christmas and rewarding New Year and look forward to next term where together we can continue to achieve excellence.

Mr Snelson



Principal



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## For Reference: Current Arrangements and Procedures

### Student Entrances at the Start of the Day

Year 7	Main Reception Entrance
Year 8	Entrance by the Canteen
Year 9	Service Drive Entrance (near MFL)
Year 10	A15/B17 Door
Year 11	PE Doors

### School Day (all students start at 08:45 and finish at 15:20)

Tutor Time	08:45
Period 1	09:15
Period 2	10:15
Break	11:15
Period 3	11:35
Lunch	12:35
Period 4	13:20
Period 5	14:20
Canteen open from 8am Library open until 16:30 (Mon-Thurs), 16:00 (Fri)	

### Food Serving Areas

Year 7 and 8	Study Zone	Cold food/grab and go
Year 9, 10 and 11	Gym	Cold food/grab and go
All year groups	Canteen	Hot food

### School Uniform

Full school uniform should be worn every day.

[Uniform and Equipment reminder](#)

[Uniform Information - from website](#)

### PE Kit

Students are to come to school in their full uniform. On the days they have PE they will get changed into their PE kit.

### One-way System

We will continue with our one-way system to help with the safe movement around the building.

### Behaviour Expectations

We expect students to:

- Be ready to learn
- Be respectful and safe
- Embrace opportunities

Please find a link to our Behaviour for Learning policy below, which **clearly identifies our expectations and the consequences if these expectations are not met**

[http://leftwichhigh.com/documents/Policies/behaviour\\_for\\_learning.pdf](http://leftwichhigh.com/documents/Policies/behaviour_for_learning.pdf)



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## COVID Control Measures

1. **Ensure good hygiene for everyone**
  - a. Continue to encourage washing of hands with soap and water
  - b. Hand sanitiser continues to be available at various points in the building
  - c. Tissues continue to be available and should be disposed of in bins
2. **Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes**
  - a. regularly touched surfaces will be cleaned more often
3. **Keep occupied spaces well ventilated**
  - a. windows and doors are kept open wherever possible
4. **Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID (see below)**

### **Students must not attend school if they:**

1. have any of the **symptoms of COVID**, in which case they should book a PCR test <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
2. have received a **positive LFD test result for COVID**, in which case they should book a PCR test and continue to isolate until the PCR result is received
3. have received a positive PCR test result for COVID
4. are required to **quarantine** <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england>
5. have been told to **isolate** by NHS Test and Trace

### **Close contacts** of COVID positive cases no longer need to isolate as long as they:

- are fully vaccinated
- are under 18 and 6 months
- have taken part in or are currently taking part of an approved COVID vaccine trial
- are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Close contacts will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to get a PCR test and/or isolate. Unless told to isolate they are able to continue to come to school whilst they wait for the result. For the majority of close contacts, they will be required to take a LFD test for 7 consecutive days and will be able to continue to attend school as long as the tests return a negative result.

### **Asymptomatic COVID Testing**

- For students/staff where consent has been granted, continue to test twice weekly in the home
- Where consent has been granted, students under 12 should be tested by an adult, in the home
- Results (positives and negatives) should be uploaded to <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>



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- If a student or member of staff has a positive test with the home testing kits, a PCR test should be booked via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> . They should not attend school

### Face Coverings

- Students, professionals and visitors must wear a face covering when in the building, unless in a classroom or they are exempt
- A face covering must be worn on public transport, unless exempt



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