



15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

### **Arrangements for the last week in school and the start of the Spring Term 2022:**

It has been an excellent term in so many ways. Pupils have taken part in lots of activities, visits and residential; a sense of 'normality' has returned. We have been observing from a distance the renovations of the original 1950's theatre and ringing through the corridors rehearsals for our school production in February.

Year 11 have risen to the challenges of the first mock examinations; we are very proud of how they have prepared for these exams, they are allowed a little bit of down time over the holiday.

I shared with you all in last week's newsletter higher than normal levels of staff absence; thank year 11 parents for accommodating our decision to send pupils home after their exams to allow staff to cover for their colleagues.

### **We are now working through our contingency plans for January 2022. Before the end of term, we will be:**

1. Sharing with pupils their appointment time for TUESDAY 4 January 2022 if you have consented to testing and/or the Flu immunisation.
2. Ensuring that pupils know how to access lessons remotely on TEAMS should we at any point have to teach lessons in this way [guide-to-teams-34287.pdf \(queensbridge.bham.sch.uk\)](https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/file/queensbridge/guide-to-teams-34287.pdf)
3. Ensuring that pupils know how to access work through assignments in TEAMS. <https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/file/queensbridge/guide-to-teams-34287.pdf>

### **We are planning as best we can for all eventualities come the New Year. In order for you to play your part in keeping Queensbridge as safe as possible:**

1. Children identified as a close contact of someone with Covid are strongly advised to take a lateral flow test for 7 days and continue to attend school as normal unless they have a positive test result.
2. Ensure that your child completes home testing throughout January.
3. Follow guidance from NHS if there is a positive case in your household.
4. Make sure that you do not send your child back to school if they have symptoms, and that you follow guidance to get a PCR test.
5. If your child has a positive test that you inform school [Covidresults@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk](mailto:Covidresults@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk)

The links below should help to guide you throughout testing, symptoms and booking a PCR test.

[PCR test.](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[A recognition focused school | Covid & Home Testing \(queensbridge.bham.sch.uk\)](https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk)

Friday 17 December is the last day of term and pupils will be dismissed at approximately 12:30 following our celebration assemblies.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022** – Lateral Flow Test and/or Flu Vaccination (refer to table)

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - All pupils return to school.**

If you have not already done so, please complete NHS Test & Trace consent form <https://forms.gle/Wpy167WNYmnd64Sd6> and submit with the consent statement (one per pupil/student).

**Lateral Flow Test and /or Flu Vaccination and return to school – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Pupils should attend at the allocated time stated below as per their year group. Pupils should attend school via the pedestrian gate on Queensbridge Road. Staff will be out and visible to help guide you. Once your child has done their LFT they will be directed to the upper gym for their consented flu vaccination then return home. Please note: NHS Staff administer the Flu Vaccination.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

<b>Year group</b>	<b>If you have consented for your child to have: *Covid testing plus Flu vaccine Or *Just the Flu vaccine Arrive prompt at:</b>	<b>If you have consented for your child to have the Covid test and they are not having the flu vaccine.  Arrive prompt at:</b>
Year 7	08.30am	11.15am
Year 8	09.00am	11.45am
Year 9	09.30am	12.15pm
Year 10	10.00am	1.30pm <b>Surname A to I</b> 1.45pm <b>Surname J to Z</b>
Year 11	10.30am	2.30pm <b>Surname A to J</b> 2.45pm <b>Surname K to Z</b>

**Note: You child must arrive promptly for their covid test and/or flu vaccination, no uniform required and pupils will be asked to leave site once their test is completed and return home promptly. If you choose not to consent to Covid Test and/or Flu Vaccination your child's first day will be Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

At Queensbridge School, we are taking a number of measures to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus, including:

- All pupils and staff to wear masks in communal areas;
- Encouraging all staff and pupils to test regularly, twice weekly to minimise the risk to each other;
- Ensuring our staff and children practice good hygiene;
- Making sure our spaces are well ventilated; and;
- Book a [PCR test](#) should they develop symptoms of the virus.

Please contact the school nurse our COVID Coordinator, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

If your child has, symptoms please book a PCR test, and inform school of any positive results. School does not contact trace any longer but does report all positive cases to inform our monitoring of transmission.

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY**

You can check you eligibility for Free School Meals by clicking here:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

#### NEXT STEPS:

- Ensure that your child knows the time that they need to arrive at school for their Covid test and/or Flu Vaccination (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January) and the date that they return in January (Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022).
- Testing consent form submitted – if not already done.
- Ensure that your child has the relevant equipment for each day.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming pupils back to school in January. If you have any question do not hesitate to contact school.

Have a lovely Christmas break.



Mrs H Reeves  
Headteacher

Important Dates for the Spring Term		
Date	Times	Event
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	(refer to table)	Covid testing and/or Flu Vaccination
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	8:45 am	All pupils return to School
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	All day	iDay
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	4:45-7:30pm	Virtual Yr11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2022	4:45-7:30pm	Virtual Yr10 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2022		Aladdin
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2022		Virtual Yr9 Options Event
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February		Half Term
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022	4:45-7:30pm	Virtual Yr9 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2022	6:00 – 7:00pm	Yr11 Parent Elevate
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	All Day	iDay
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022		End of Term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022		Pupils return

*You can always access the school calendar on the website; look under parents/school calendar.*  
[A recognition focused school | Calendar \(queensbridge.bham.sch.uk\)](https://www.queensbridge.bham.sch.uk)

