



BLACKMINSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

Plans for return to school January 2022

As you may be aware, the Government are expecting schools to give a COVID test to all students in Year 7 and above on their return to school in January. This is to minimize the chance of students returning to school carrying the virus and unwittingly infecting other students or staff.

Clearly, we will comply with this expectation, but I'm also keen to ensure that we get students in school and learning again as quickly and with as little disruption as possible. We are therefore asking parents and carers of Year 7 and 8 students to bring their children in to school at staggered times on the first day of term. The intention is that students arrive, are tested and then go on to lessons. Please see below for the times for each tutor group.

I appreciate that this may cause some inconvenience for parents, but I'm sure you can appreciate that it seems the best way to balance the conflicting demands to get everyone into school, but testing before students go to lessons.

January 4th CPD day – school closed to all students

January 5th Year 6 in at 8:25 as normal.

8:45 – 8KS

9:30 – 8SB

10:15 – 7MA

11:00 – 7JR

11:45 – 7SP

January 6th Whole school in at 8:25 as normal

If you do not consent to your child being tested please send them with a note to say that.

Thank you in advance for your continued support for our school as the COVID challenges continue.

Kind regards,

Linda McQuone

Executive Headteacher

