



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

15th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

In School Covid-19 Testing – January 2022

Following our initial email sent 3rd December, I am writing to provide details of the staggered start to term and testing programme for students in **Years 7-13**. This letter contains important information so I urge you to read it carefully.

I regret that it will be impossible to start all year groups on Tuesday 4th January. We simply do not have the capacity to test 1550 pupils in a single day. It is for this reason that we need a staggered start. If pupils get a school bus then we understand that they may need to come to school on that bus, we therefore plan for these pupils to test during registration time.

As soon as we get pupils through the testing centre they will start their normal timetable. From Tuesday 4th January there will be remote learning available, through It's Learning, for any year group not back in school: <https://www.king-james.co.uk/online-learning>.

If your son/daughter is participating in Covid-19 testing in January

Your son/daughter should arrive at school at the time of their test as follows:

Tue 4th Jan	time	Year 7		time	Year 11
	Reg - 08.45	Years 7 & 11 School Bus only		P4 - 13.10	Surnames: A-L
	P1 - 09.05	Surnames: A-L		P5 - 14.15	Surnames: M-Z
	P2 - 10.10	Surnames: M-Z			
Wed 5th Jan	time	Year 8		time	Year 9
	Reg - 08.45	Years 8 & 9 School Bus only		P4 - 13.10	Surnames: A-K
	P1 - 09.05	Surnames: A-K		P5 - 14.15	Surnames: L-Z
	P2 - 10.10	Surnames: L-Z			
Thu 6th Jan	time	Year 10		time	Years 12 & 13
	Reg - 08.45	Years 10, 12 & 13 School Bus only		P4 - 13.10	Surnames: A-K
	P1 - 09.05	Surnames: A-L		P5 - 14.15	Surnames: L-Z
	P2 - 10.10	Surnames: M-Z			

All tests will take place at the testing centre located in the **Boys Gym**. Students should avoid eating or drinking half an hour before their test. A small amount of water is acceptable.

All students should arrive at school through the **Cemetery Lane** car park gates at their allocated time, where a member of staff will meet them. **Students should not enter the school site before**

their allocated time. For safeguarding reasons, students should arrive at school in **full school uniform.** A queuing system will be in operation in the lower car park, beside the PE block. Following their test, students will be required to attend their lessons until the end of the day (this includes students with their test during Period 5).

If your son/daughter would prefer not to do their test, even if prior consent has been granted, they will not be forced to do so. They may opt out at any time, including the day of the test.

If their LFD result is positive, the school will contact parents/carers. They will then be expected to self-isolate and arrange for a confirmatory PCR test to be undertaken within two days of the positive LFD result.

All test results will be processed by the school through the NHS system within 24 hours of the test (in accordance with the privacy statement) and results will be sent directly to the email and mobile contacts provided on the consent form.

If your son/daughter is not participating in LFD testing in January

Your son/daughter should arrive at school to start at their usual time (Form: 8.45am) and follow their timetable for the full day.

Tue 4th Jan	time	Year 7 not testing		time	Year 11 not testing
	Reg - 08.45	Year 7 Year 11 School Bus Go to registration		P4 - 13.10	Year 11 Go to usual lesson
Wed 5th Jan	time	Year 8 not testing		time	Year 9 not testing
	Reg - 08.45	Year 8 Year 9 School Bus Go to registration		P4 - 13.10	Year 9 Go to usual lesson
Thu 6th Jan	time	Year 10 not testing		time	Years 12 & 13 not testing
	Reg - 08.45	Year 10 Year 12 & 13 School Bus Go to registration and silent study centre		P4 - 13.10	Year 12 and 13 Go to usual lesson

Key messages regarding COVID-19 symptoms remain important:

- Students should not attend school if they have COVID-19 symptoms:
 - a high temperature
 - a new, continuous cough, or,
 - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

They should remain at home and book a PCR test by phoning 119 or via this link [Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

We thank you for your continued support around the implementation of this programme. I would request all students taking part in Covid-19 testing take a home test on Sunday evening too.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to email us on covid-testing@king-james.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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