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25th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope students have had a wonderful half-term break and are ready for the return to school. I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the start of the new half-term and to share with you changes to our COVID-19 risk assessment as a result of the updated guidance from the Department for Education which we have received this week.

### Start of Term Arrangements

I am pleased to confirm that the new half-term will start on Monday 28th February for all students. There will be no staggered start or onsite Lateral Flow Testing. All students should arrive at school **before 08:40 on Monday 28th February** for a prompt start to Period 1 lessons.

Although no onsite testing is taking place, we strongly recommend that all of our students and staff complete a Lateral Flow Test before the return to school on Monday.

Key dates for this half-term and beyond can be found on our school calendar.

<https://www.kelvinhall.net/calendar>

### Home Learning Resources

In order to minimise any disruption to students' learning, we will be continuing to provide lesson resources on Google Classroom for any students who are isolating or unwell.

Google Classroom can be accessed using the Google Classroom app on phones and tablets, on a Chromebook, or on a laptop or desktop PC. Students will need to use their Kelvin Hall Google Account details to log in.

[Google Classroom](#)

[Google Classroom Cheat Sheet for Students](#)

Teachers will add lesson material to Google Classroom in time for the start of their lessons. On Monday 28th February, we will share student timetables with you to help you check what students should be working on.

If you have any problems accessing this online remote education material, parents and students can contact us at [homelearning@kelvinhall.net](mailto:homelearning@kelvinhall.net). This email address will be monitored regularly throughout the day and we will make the best effort to resolve issues for you as soon as possible.



## COVID-19 Risk Assessment

As a result of the updated guidance, there have been some changes to our COVID-19 Risk Assessment. Please see a summary of the most important information for students below.

### Face masks

- Students, staff, and visitors are no longer required to wear face masks in school.
- Face masks remain an effective way of limiting the spread of COVID-19. Anybody who still wishes to wear a mask in school is welcome to do so.
- It is the responsibility of parents and students to provide appropriate face masks for use in school if they wish to wear them.

### Lateral flow device testing

- Twice-weekly LFD testing is no longer recommended for staff and students in mainstream secondary schools.
- Anybody who still wishes to test twice weekly is welcome to do so and we strongly encourage this.
- LFD tests can be obtained online or through local pharmacies.
- The school still has some remaining LFD tests from previous deliveries which will be distributed to students in school.
- LFD tests will no longer be provided routinely through the school, however, these would be made available to students again if necessary and as part of any future public health advice.

### Close contacts

- Students who are identified as a close contact of somebody with COVID-19 are no longer required to isolate or to complete LFD tests for seven days.
- It would still be sensible for close contacts to complete LFD tests for seven days and we strongly encourage that they do so.
- NHS Test and Trace will no longer be operating and are no longer responsible for notifying people who are identified as a close contact of somebody with COVID-19.

### If you have symptoms of COVID-19

- There is no longer a legal requirement for people with COVID-19 infection to isolate, however, if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, the public health advice is to **stay at home and avoid contact with other people**.
- The three main symptoms of COVID-19 are: a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.
- If you have symptoms of COVID-19, **you should stay home and get a PCR test as soon as possible**.

### Positive test results

- There is no longer a legal requirement for people with COVID-19 infection to isolate, however, if you have a positive test result, the public health advice is to **stay at home and avoid contact with other people**.
- Students who test positive for COVID-19 on a PCR test or LFD test **should self-isolate for 10 days**.
- Students can complete an LFD test on Day 5 and Day 6 (24 hours apart). If both of these tests are negative and the student does not have a high temperature, they can end their isolation and return to school on Day 6.
- Home Learning resources will be provided through Google Classroom for any students who need to self-isolate.

### Other factors in our risk assessment

- We will continue to ensure and encourage good hygiene practices in school.
- We will continue to operate with enhanced cleaning arrangements.
- We will continue to keep spaces well ventilated.
- We will continue to follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation, and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- We will continue to monitor the number of cases in school and ask for public health advice if needed.
- We will keep an up-to-date contingency plan to implement in the event of a confirmed outbreak.

An updated version of the Risk Assessment will be added to the school website next week. You can access this on the [policies section of our website](#).

I am pleased that the start of this half-term is a more optimistic one and that school life is getting back to normal for our students. I would, however, like to remind you all that the updated guidance for schools is about *'living with COVID-19'*. It is likely that as we start the half-term we will see COVID-19 cases in our community, please be sensible and cautious. If your child has symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive they should stay at home.

I would also like to remind you that we all feel slightly different about the easing of restrictions and I am sure there are staff, students, and parents in our community who are likely to want to remain more cautious. Please be respectful of the wishes of others and, in particular, view the wearing of a face mask as a sign that somebody may wish to keep a distance from others.

Please share the information above with your children at Kelvin Hall School. Thank you for your support in starting the next half-term smoothly and safely. We look forward to seeing all students on Monday.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Christopher Leng  
Head of School  
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