



17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\***

Dear Parent and Carers,

Further to my letter last week, I have three new important pieces of information to share with you:

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – NEW return to school date**

1. The return date in the New Year will now be Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 8:40am (8:30 on site). It has been necessary to put an emergency staff training day on the first Monday in January, firstly to check all staff have a negative test result (taken within 48hrs) and secondly to begin training and preparing staff for the on-site mass testing programme to begin soon in the New Year. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

**ALL students MUST have proof of a negative test when returning to school**

2. As well as all staff, ALL students are expected to take a test in the week before returning to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of January. The test must be taken before 2<sup>nd</sup> January to allow time for results. Parents will be expected to provide evidence of a negative test result, on request during the first week back, unless your child has tested positive in the last 90 days. I attach a letter from the LBBB Director of Public Health explaining the reason for this borough wide decision and how to book a test for your son or daughter.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 8:30am-3:00pm, Mobile Testing Unit at Campus**

3. A mobile testing unit (MTU) will be located at the main entrance of Riverside Campus from 8:30am-15:30 Saturday 19 December. This is a local testing unit for you and your family to get tested together before Christmas, especially if you are meeting with elderly or clinically vulnerable relatives over the holiday period.

There is also a plan to begin weekly mass testing of staff and students in the New Year. I will write to you in January with the details. Hopefully these new measures will keep our whole community safer in the New Year and reduce the need for self-isolation to keep the school operating at full capacity. Thank you once again for your continued support and I apologise for the borough-wide revised start date.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A. Roberts  
Headteacher