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# THE CORBET SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

We arrive at the end of a very long term after an exceptionally challenging final week. At this stage in the term, I would just like to outline the position with regards to managing Covid within school and the arrangements for the start of term in January 2022.

We currently have approximately 26 positive Covid cases amongst the pupils and 40 pupils awaiting a PCR result. There are also challenges in the staffing, with 8 currently confirmed as positive for Covid. At this stage, with the support of both the staff and pupils we are managing to keep going and I would like to thank everyone for that.

As outlined in my letter from last week we now have enhanced measures in place in school.

Following contact with Shropshire Public Health the following control measures currently in place are:

- Pupils/staff must not attend school if they have any symptoms and must go for a PCR
- Household contacts of a confirmed case should have a PCR test and self-isolate until they have a negative PCR result
- Contacts of a confirmed case should also go for a PCR
- Face coverings are in use in communal areas
- Twice weekly testing using LFD tests and reporting the results
- Sanitising of hands and workspaces is still in place.
- Assemblies and face-to-face meetings are now cancelled and can move online if possible
- Face coverings to be worn in lessons next week by pupils and staff unless exempt

We have been instructed by the DfE to arrange one on-site test for pupils before returning to school in January 2022. We will be staggering the return to school to enable this to happen.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January is a Professional Development Day; on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> we will be carrying out on-site testing for Year 10 and 11 pupils who will then return to school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January. During the day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, we will test pupils in Years 7-9.

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All pupils will return to school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Please bring your child for their on-site test as detailed below, the tests will take place in the Sports Hall. Pupils are not required to attend in uniform for the testing. After testing, your child can return home and if negative start back at school on the dates detailed above.

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Thursday 6th</b>	<b>Friday 7th</b>
A-C	9.10-9.40	<b>Year 10 &amp; 11</b>	<b>YEAR 7, 8 &amp; 9</b>
D-F	9.40-10.10		
G-I	10.10-10.40		
J-L	10.40-11.10		
M-O	11.30-12.00		
P-R	12.00-12.30		
S-U	12.30-1.00		
V-Z	1.00-1.30		

I would ask that all pupils return to school in full uniform, with extra layers if the weather is cold and a reminder that the usual jewellery and make-up rules will apply. Ventilation in the building will be an important factor in helping us to manage Covid-19 and I know that, on occasion, last year those extra layers were needed.

Please also ensure that you have read the letter sent regarding 'Unscheduled School Closure Arrangements' just in case the winter weather decides to add additional challenge to the start of the Spring Term.

I hope that you and all your families are well and stay that way and that we can continue to make our way through the next few weeks with whatever situation we find ourselves managing.

I wish you all a lovely, restful Christmas break when we get there and every best wish for the New Year and 2022 whatever it might hold in store for us all.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher