



10 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: COVID-19 on-site testing for students in January

Further to my letter dated 1 December regarding on-site COVID-19 testing for students in January, I set out below the arrangements for them to come into school for their on-site test.

As mentioned previously in my letter it is necessary for us to carry out staggered starts so we can test the whole school before students return to the classroom. Thank you to those of you who have consented for your child to be tested. **I would strongly recommend those who are not testing on-site to please continue to test regularly at home.**

Testing Arrangements:

The testing will start with Years 11, 12 and 13 on Tuesday 4 January 2022 and all other year groups will follow as per the table below:

Year group	Test date	Remote Learning Dates	Return to school
11,12 &13	Tuesday 4 January <i>(no remote learning due to testing)</i>	N/A	Wednesday 5 January
9 & 10	Wednesday 5 January <i>(no remote learning due to testing)</i>	Tuesday 4 January	Thursday 6 January
7 & 8	Thursday 6 January <i>(no remote learning due to testing)</i>	Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 January	Friday 7 January

Please see below details for the test timings which will be arranged by tutor groups for each year group. **The testing will take place in the boys' gym in the south end of the school and students will be expected to wear school uniform on the day of their test.** When arriving please walk around to the back entrance of the boys' gym and enter through the door to the boys' changing room corridor. Registration cards will be handed out to those students who have consented to testing only. Anyone who does not have a consent form submitted will not be tested and will be advised to take a lateral flow test at home.

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Testing Schedule for Tuesday 4 January – Years 13, 12 and 11

Please be advised that your child should arrive promptly for their allocated start time.

Start Time	Tutor group
Year 13	
8.30	B1 & B2
8.55	H1 & H2
9.20	Q1 & Q2
9.45	R1 & R2
Year 12	
10.10	B1 & B2
10.35	H1 & H2
11.20	Q1 & Q2
11.45	R1 & R2
Year 11	
12.10	B1 & B2
12.35	B3 & H1
13.30	H2 & H3
13.55	Q1 & Q2
14.20	Q3 & R1
14.45	R2 & R3

Testing Schedule for Wednesday 5 January – Years 9 and 10

Start Time	Tutor group
Year 10	
8.30	B1
8.45	B2
9.00	B3
9.15	H1
9.30	H2
9.45	H3
10.00	Q1
10.15	Q2
10.30	Q3
11.00	R1
11.15	R2
11.30	R3
Year 9	
11.45	B1
12.00	B2
12.15	B3
12.30	H1
12.45	H2
1.00	H3
1.45	Q1
2.00	Q2
2.15	Q3
2.30	R1
2.45	R2
3.00	R3

Testing Schedule for Thursday 6 January – Years 7 and 8

Start Time	Tutor group
Year 8	
8.30	B1
8.45	B2
9.00	B3
9.15	H1
9.30	H2
9.45	H3
10.00	Q1
10.15	Q2
10.30	Q3
Break	
11.00	R1
11.15	R2
11.30	R3
Year 7	
11.45	B1
12.00	B2
12.15	B3
12.30	H1
12.45	H2
1.00	H3
Break	
1.45	Q1
2.00	Q2
2.15	Q3
2.30	R1
2.45	R2
3.00	R3

As stated in my previous letter, students will not be able to use contract buses to or from school for their test and students will return home immediately after their test. **Therefore, please ensure they make their own travel arrangements.** If your child is unable to attend school on this day for testing please organise for a lateral flow test to be taken at home. For more information on how to order test kits please visit: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/getting-tested-for-covid-19/if-you-dont-have-symptoms>

After testing, your child will bring their registration card home with them. If you wish to receive notification from NHS of the result please register your child for their test at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> within 24 hours.

If your child tests positive, we will contact you immediately using the contact number(s) provided on the consent form. If they are negative they can return to school the next day.

Buses

In the meantime, there will be no bus services on Tuesday 4 January, please see below the following arrangements for SJH Travel buses and Nibs buses.

Tuesday 4 January	No Buses
Wednesday 5 January	Years 11, 12 and 13 only
Thursday 6 January	Years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 only
Friday 7 January	All year groups

If you have any questions or require this information in any other language or format you can email: enquiries@st-martins.essex.sch.uk

In the meantime, thank you for your continued support with testing our students and please continue to test regularly over the Christmas holiday.

Yours sincerely



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