



5 January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

New Term – January 2022

I would like to wish you a happy new year from everyone in Craigmount High School and hope that you enjoyed the holiday period.

We are looking forward to having all our pupils back in school for our start at 8.30am. However, as we prepare for the return, I would ask for your support in reiterating the following health and safety messages which are designed to keep our school community safe:

- We would appreciate if pupils do a lateral flow test before coming to school tomorrow. All pupils have been offered COVID-19 lateral flow tests and more can be collected from Tutor, from their PSE teacher or from the library. Pupils are now eligible to take lateral flow tests without a consent form which makes them available to all pupils if they wish to take one.
- In order to limit large numbers of pupils entering the school building at the same time, pupils should enter the building using their designated door. We have made a change to the doors which pupils should use and now all S1, S2 and S3 pupils should use the door at the back of the school and S4, S5 and S6 should use the main school entrance.
- Face coverings must continue to be worn at all times (in and out of classes and in the community at lunch). It is expected that pupils bring their own face coverings. However, we have a limited number of face coverings available if a pupil forgets their own.
- Pupils will be expected to be outside during break due to size of our social area which cannot accommodate the entire school. However, staggered lunches will remain and we made changes to the lunch arrangements in November which means that pupils have the option to be inside at lunch. All pupils can purchase food from the school canteen or S2 to S6 pupils can leave school to purchase lunch.
- Our established protocols for hand sanitising, workspace cleaning and the one-way system will remain in place.
- The requirement for physical distancing between staff and pupils remains in place.
- Pupils should not attend school if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or if a positive result is obtained from the lateral flow test.

You will also find a letter on the next page from Lorna French (Acting Head of Schools and Lifelong Learning) with information about our return to school. If you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pupil Support teacher.

Yours sincerely

Colin Meikle
Headteacher

Date 5 January 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are at the start of 2022, hopefully all relaxed and refreshed and ready for the final few weeks of winter. By now many of you will have experienced COVID first hand, so will be well aware of how difficult it is to have a 'normal' life, through illness or self-isolation. Our mission however hasn't changed: to keep schools open and delivering the best teaching and learning for all. Your support and understanding in achieving this cannot be underplayed; here are a few more 'asks' before children return tomorrow:

- Secondary pupils take an LFD (Lateral Flow Device) test; click [covid-19-get-a-test-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms](#) to order more tests online
- Primary and ELC pupils can be supported to take tests if the family wishes
- All pupils should dress warmly, even if this means wearing clothes that are not standard school uniform
- Wear face coverings in secondary schools, unless exempt
- Be advised that the regular school meal service, and transport arrangements may be adjusted if there are staff shortages

Although we are assuming that there will be more staff absent throughout January, we will do everything we can for pupils to have their normal school experience. As I said above, this can't happen without your help and understanding, so our thanks again.

Finally, you may have heard about the introduction of free Bus Travel for children. Processes for applying are being finalised. Please look out for information from your child's school shortly.

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Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely

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