

VJJ/KMC

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you on the plans for students returning to school and how the testing programme will be organised.

Year 11 students should return to school on the morning of Wednesday 5 January. Students should arrive at the door at the rear of the Sports Hall. If you choose for your child not to be tested, then they should come to school on the morning of Wednesday 5 January and enter school via their usual entrance and go straight to form rooms.

Students will be fully guided through the lateral flow test by trained staff. Parents will receive a text and/or email from the NHS with the outcome of the test, however if it is returned positive a member of the Caldew staff will be in contact to notify you and explain the next steps.

After this test has happened parents will be given test kits so that you can test your child at home. We do understand that some parents and carers may find this daunting and so we will have testing facilities available at school so that we can test your child for you. If you would like your child to continue to test in school please email student.testing@caldew.cumbria.sch.uk

The guidance states that where a child has previously had consent to take part in the COVID-19 Lateral Flow test, this remains in place. We cannot test students unless we have received a consent form. If you would now like your child to take part in testing, please contact student.testing@caldew.cumbria.sch.uk and we will send the forms to be completed to you.

If you no longer want to give consent for your child to have a COVID-19 Lateral Flow test or your child has tested positive for COVID-19 since 7 October 2021, please can you also let us know by emailing the above email address.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that we will continue to have robust protective measures in place to protect the whole school community. If your child uses school transport to arrive at school, please could I remind them that they should sit with their year groups on the buses.

Your sincerely

Vicki Jackson
Headteacher