

15 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We have now received guidance from Essex Test & Trace regarding students returning to school before the end of term.

The guidance states:

From a public health viewpoint, if all close contacts have completed isolation in line with current government requirements and they do not meet any of the following criteria:

- *Are required to isolate due to a recent positive Covid-19 test result.*
- *Have household contacts who have recently tested positive and are within the required isolation period.*
- *Are suffering from symptoms consistent with a Covid-19 infection.*

These students can return to school.

Therefore, in line with this guidance Year 10 students will be expected to attend school from Wednesday 16 December.

If your child falls into one of the categories listed above, they should remain at home. Please inform the school via the normal absence procedure if this is the case.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

My apologies for the confusion and delay in the decision being made caused by the change in guidance.

Best wishes.

Yours faithfully



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