



SRE/ts

16 December, 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, there have been recent announcements made by the Government regarding the need for all students to receive on-site lateral flow device tests on their return to school in January.

In order to accommodate the testing, there will be a staggered start to the term.

Years 7 and 11 will return to school on Tuesday, 4 January, 2022. Their respective arrival times are as follows:

9.00 am	Year 7
11.00 am	Year 11

Years 8, 9 and 10 will return on Wednesday, 5 January, 2022. Their respective arrival times are as follows:

9.00 am	Year 8
10.00 am	Year 10
11.00 am	Year 9

Students will resume normal lessons following their on-site testing.

We also ask that you continue to test for COVID at home over the holiday period. Please use a lateral flow test at home to test your child before your child's return to school during the weekend of 1 and 2 January, 2022.

We look forward to the students returning properly equipped and ready to learn.

We ask that all students wear full school uniform, unless they are timetabled to have PE, in which case they can wear their Southchurch High School PE kit.

We also ask that your child is provided with a face covering each day.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff, to thank you once again for your support and to wish you and your family a healthy, safe and restful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Please take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully

Mr S C Reynolds  
**Headteacher**