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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Start of Term 3 Arrangements

I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy new year.

Thankfully, the government maintains that face to face teaching for all pupils is a priority. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school next week.

Following the recent Government announcement, I write to you to reaffirm our arrangements for the start of Term 3.

- Years 11 and 13 will return on Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will return on Wednesday 5th January 2022

Please note the following points:

• All pupils are required to take a Lateral Flow Test prior to returning to school. Onsite testing will take place on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Those pupils that have been registered for an on-site test should arrive at the Year 8 entrance (next to the Totem Pole at the front of the school) at the times below. If pupils are not attending on-site testing they should complete a test at home prior to their return and report their results using this online form.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 12
15:00	13:30	11:30	10:30	09:30

Year 11 and 13 will be offered an onsite test during the school day.

- From 4th January, the government has recommended that face coverings should be worn in classrooms as well as communal spaces such as corridors. Please ensure that you provide your child with a clean face-covering daily, unless exempt.
- If your child has a positive Lateral Flow Test you should not send them to school but arrange for a PCR test, if this is positive please follow current guidance on isolation. To report a covid related absence please email the school via tws attendance@swale.at.

As a school, we take the welfare and wellbeing of all pupils extremely seriously and in order to keep all pupils and staff safe will ensure continued cleaning of touch points, continued use of hand sanitiser and appropriate room ventilation.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school, it is important that all pupils continue to attend school as normal.

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Thank you again for your ongoing support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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