

10 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a long term, as the Autumn one usually is, but this one has felt particularly tiring as everyone begins to get life back to some sort of normal.

Thank you all for your support and understanding this term. I know I have had to cancel some events and there have been additional measures brought in early at Stanway, but I am so pleased to see the number of cases here staying very low since that first spike in September. As I write this message, there are only 10 students currently isolated, which is not even 1% of the school population.

I know everyone will want to think about Christmas before worrying about January, but there is some important information about the start of term in January for you to note.

The Department for Education has asked schools to provide a one-off onsite test (lateral flow) for all students. To enable this, schools have been allowed to have a staggered start to the term. Therefore term will start on Wednesday 5th January instead of Tuesday 4th. This means I can use Tuesday 4th January as an onsite testing day.

By following this link (below), you can book a time slot to bring your young people to the school for a lateral flow test with our staff providing support, similar to last year. We will limit the number of spaces available in each 30-minute slot to avoid overcrowding and long queues. After the students have completed their test, they will then go home. The students need to come to the Sports Hall car park where our staff will direct them to the testing process.

However, some students may wish to complete a lateral flow test at home instead. If this is the case, there is no need to come to the school site on Tuesday 4th January at all. All I would ask is that you complete the lateral flow test and submit the result of it via the Classcharts app. To help with this, I have attached to this email support for how to use the Classcharts app to log the result of the lateral flow test.

So if you decide to use the onsite facilities on Tuesday 4th January instead of completing the test at home, please follow this link to book a time slot.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stanway-covid-19-onsite-testing-january-2022-tickets-225169627417>

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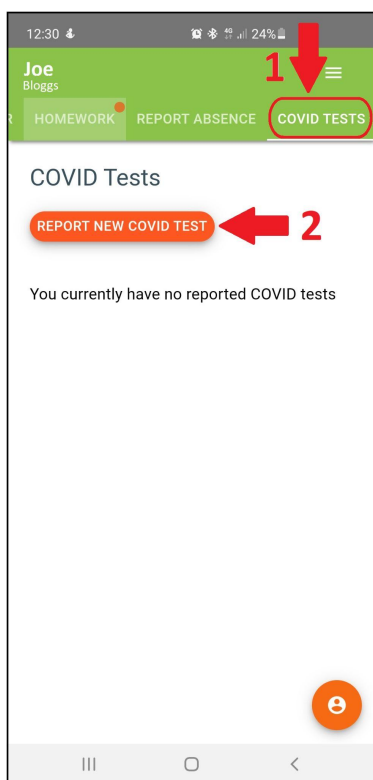


Term officially starts on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at the usual time. I look forward to seeing all the students refreshed and ready for the new term.

I wish you all a very peaceful and restful break celebrating with family and friends. Have a wonderful Christmas and a great start to 2022!

Best wishes,

Mr Bland

A screenshot of a mobile app interface showing a form to report a COVID test. The form has several input fields: 'Test date' with the value '08/12/2021 13:38' and a close icon; 'Test barcode/serial number (optional)'; 'Showing symptoms (optional)'; 'Result (optional)' with a dropdown arrow; and 'Note (optional)'. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'SUBMIT' and 'CANCEL'. The bottom of the screen shows standard Android navigation icons.