

Purbrook Park School

Enjoy Enrich Excel
Headteacher: Paul Foxley MA



16th December 2021

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year 2022!

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well. Thank you for your wonderful ongoing support throughout what continues to be an uncertain time for us all.

Key Dates

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| Tuesday 4 th January | Staff INSET Day – school closed to pupils |
| Wednesday 5 th January | Lateral Flow Tests – all pupils (see below) |
| Thursday 6 th January | All pupils arrive at 8.30am (Week A) |

Covid-19

Our pupils have adapted well to wearing face coverings again inside school corridors, and when moving around inside our school buildings. This expectation will continue in January, to ensure that we reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 in school.

We continue to recommend that pupils test twice weekly using lateral flow device (LFD) tests. Anyone with symptoms of Covid-19, or a positive test result, should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If you have symptoms of Covid-19, you should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. This still applies even if you have received one or more doses of the Covid-19 vaccine. If you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, you are not required to self-isolate if you are fully vaccinated, or if you are under 18 years and 6 months old. Please bear in mind that this guidance remains subject to change.

In school, we will continue to encourage good hygiene for everyone, maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, keep occupied spaces well ventilated, and follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation, and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19.

Asymptomatic Testing – 5th January 2022

As pupils will potentially mix with lots of people over the holidays, the government has requested that schools test all pupils with a lateral flow test, before they return to school in January. We have planned for every pupil to come into school for a lateral flow test on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

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Pupils may arrive via the front or back gate, and we will supervise pupils while they take the test in the gym and sports hall at the times stated below. Pupils can return home straight after their lateral flow test, and do not need to wear school uniform for the tests. Please ask your child to **bring their mobile phone with them** so that they can register their test results themselves, if at all possible. If you are bringing your child to school for the test, please be aware that, unfortunately, there will be no parking available on site. We will provide the equipment to carry out the tests, and pupils may also bring their own personal mirrors and wipes, if they wish. We will contact parents, only in the case of a positive lateral flow test result.

Wednesday 5th January 2022

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| 9.00am | Year 7 |
| 10.00am | Year 8 |
| 11.00am | Year 9 |
| 12.00pm | Year 10 |
| 1.00pm | Year 11 |

School Timetable

Our programme of enrichment activities will continue every Monday from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. From January, we have adapted our school day as shown in the table below:

School Timetable: January 2022

| Monday – Thursday | | Friday | |
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| 8:30 – 9:30 | Lesson 1 | 8:30 – 9:20 | Lesson 1 |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | Lesson 2 | 9:20 – 10:10 | Lesson 2 |
| 10:30 – 10:50 | Break | 10:10 – 11:00 | Lesson 3 |
| 10:50 – 11:50 | Lesson 3 | 11:00 – 11:20 | Break |
| 11:50 – 12:50 | Lesson 4 | 11:20 – 12:10 | Lesson 4 |
| 12:50 – 1:20 | Lunch | 12:10 – 1:00 | Lesson 5 |
| 1:20 – 2:00 | PDL | 1:00 – 1:30 | Lunch |
| 2:00 – 3:00 | Lesson 5 / Enrichment | 1:30 – 2:20 | Lesson 6 |

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school in the usual way on 02392 370351 or by email at admin@purbrook.hants.sch.uk.

Thank you, as always, for your tremendous support.

We would all like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

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