

Purbrook Park School

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Headteacher: Paul Foxley MA



4th January 2022

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year 2022!

I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Key Dates

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	Pupils in Years 7-10 arrive at 8.30am (Week A) Pupils in Year 11 work remotely to prepare for their mock exams, starting on Monday 10 th January.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Unfortunately, we have several members of staff who are absent, due to Covid-19. Our Year 11 pupils begin three weeks of important mock exams from Monday 10th January, until Friday 28th January. We ask that our pupils in Year 11 work remotely at home on Thursday and Friday this week, and that they come into school only for their mock exams from Monday 10th – Friday 28th January. If pupils have an exam in the morning, and another exam in the afternoon, they should return home in between, so that they can focus on their exam preparation and revision. Teachers will contact pupils to provide support, and pupils can contact their teachers via email and/or Microsoft Teams.

This approach will enable us to continue with the essential Year 11 mock exams, while asking teachers who would normally teach Year 11 classes to cover other teachers who are absent. We will continue to provide full time face-to-face teaching for all pupils in Years 7-10. By reducing the number of young people on our school site for the next three weeks, we will further reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19.

We recognize that a number of children in year 11 may be vulnerable, for example those with a social worker, and those with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). We will continue to offer face-to-face teaching, and help with exam preparation and revision, for our most vulnerable learners in school.

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Face Coverings

As you will have read in the news, the government has updated its guidance on face coverings in schools over the weekend. Our pupils have already adapted well to wearing face coverings inside school corridors, and when moving around inside our school buildings. This expectation will continue, and we will also recommend that pupils should wear face coverings in lessons, 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 your child has symptoms of Covid-19, you should arrange for them to have a PCR test as soon as possible. Children who are identified as a close contact of someone with Covid-19 should take an LFD test every day for seven days, and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

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 have potentially mixed 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. This includes all pupils in Year 11. We have planned for every pupil to come into school for a lateral flow test tomorrow, on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

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

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 this term, from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. We have adapted our school day as shown in the table below:

School Timetable: January 2022

Monday – Thursday		Friday	
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.

Yours sincerely,

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