



CAMDEN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Start of term

On behalf of everyone at Camden School for Girls I would like to wish you a Happy New Year and a warm welcome back. We hope that you and your families had a relaxing and restful break. We are excited to return to face-to-face education and are all looking forward to seeing the students tomorrow. Please find below some useful information following the release of the latest government guidelines for schools.

Lateral flow testing

Thank you for sending your child into school for their lateral flow test on either Tuesday or Wednesday this week. If you were unable to do so, please could we ask you to support your child in doing a lateral flow test prior to their arrival to school on Thursday. Please could we also ask you to continue to test twice weekly and we would like to thank so many of you for diligently doing so. Despite the national shortages of tests, the school has a health stock of lateral flow tests and these will be distributed to the students upon their return.

Face Coverings

The government is now recommending face coverings to be worn in the classrooms due to the transmissibility of the Omicron variant. We were already wearing masks in the classroom and will continue to do so until January 26 when these measures are due to be reviewed nationally.

Self-isolation

I am sure you are already aware of the changes to the self-isolation period for anyone who tested positive for COVID-19. It is now possible take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of the self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation.

Staff absences

As with many other organisations and institutions, we do anticipate an increase in staff absence this term and we are making arrangements to mitigate against this as much as possible. I would like to thank you in advance for your patience and would like to reassure you that we are putting everything in place to ensure your child's education – both academic and pastoral, continues with minimum disruption.

We are wholeheartedly looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow.

Kind regards

Kateryna Law
Headteacher