



Date: Friday, 3rd December 2021

Re: Updates for the start of the Spring Term – Wednesday 5th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Can I thank all students, families and staff for their response to the most recent government guidance in managing safe working practices within school regarding COVID-19. As always students have been extremely responsible and ensured that they have followed all requests to help keep themselves and others safe.

As we approach the last two weeks of term, we will continue to follow government guidance and take any required action in response to national developments.

What we do know at this stage, is that following our last day of term on Friday, 17th December, all students will have been provided with home testing kits which can be used over the Christmas and New Year period to regularly test. We know that families will be keeping a watchful eye on information from central government to ensure that any updated guidance is followed.

All schools have been asked to ensure that all students undertake Lateral Flow Testing on their return to school on Wednesday, 5th January. We anticipate, as was the case on our return in September, most families will undertake their test at home on the evening before their return. A reminder that if a positive result is returned then the individual must self-isolate and book a PCR immediately. We would also ask that you notify school using the following e-mail: covid.support@oldburywells.com

We will be offering the opportunity for students to complete one onsite test on our return to school; should you wish your child to be part of this program would ask that you complete the consent form through the link below. Parents should view information on the school website and in particular the data privacy notice which is referenced in the consent form:

<http://www.oldburywells.com/parent-information/covid-update>

Consent Form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2s8TOK9SpUy44yMVeXcKuiGj9ZJeAHFLi-w-LVxPtYGZUOIUNjA1ODkyUjlyTjhYUVg4MTBOUjdCWS4u>

The form will close at midnight on Monday, 13th December to allow planning to be completed.

We will be providing families with further information as we approach the end of term and thank everyone for their continued support.

Yours sincerely

Lee Tristham
Headteacher

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