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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We look forward to welcoming back all of our students to school tomorrow on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

This letter covers new COVID-19 updates which affect us in our school. I will be sending out my bi-weekly update at the end of this week.

LFD On-Site Testing Today

The LFD testing has been very successful this morning, and as we've all come to expect, the students were exemplary.

LFD Testing

The majority of students are part of the LFD on-site testing programme and receive regular supplies of LFD testing kits for home. If your child is not part of this programme, I would ask that you still do LFD tests twice a week at home, getting kits from local pharmacies etc. If you'd like to receive packs of tests from school, please contact us on 0191 605 3835. Staff, students and families need to take responsibility to test regularly to make sure that we can continue with our face-to-face education at Callerton Academy.

Face Coverings in Classrooms until at least Wednesday 26th January 2022

On Sunday 2nd January, there was direction from The Government to make sure all secondary pupils wear face coverings in classrooms as well as in communal areas. Students will need to provide their own face coverings to be worn all day and as previously recommended, please provide your child with at least two face coverings each day.

Face coverings on public transport and in other venues outside of school, such as shops and cinemas, are still required.

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Changes to Coronavirus Isolation Rules

From 22nd December, the isolation rules changed for people who have tested positive for COVID-19 to have to isolate for seven days instead of 10 days. Here is the guidance:

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting on or after day 7.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

We will contact you on day 5 and 6 of isolation to support you with the LFD testing and recording. To return to school on day 7, students will need to do their LFD tests early in the morning on day 6, so that 24 hours has passed before testing before school on day 7.

Thank you and Support

Again, I must thank you for your hard work, diligence and resilience as families in following the new and remaining rules, whilst promoting excellent attendance to school. There are many rules that have not changed, so please refer to my previous letters, the NHS and Government websites, or call us on 0191 605 3835 for advice and support.

Yours faithfully,



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