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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your continued support with Covid-19 home testing. We know how important it is for you to be able to send your children to school.

Please continue testing at home throughout the Christmas holiday and before your child/children return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022. Please report results twice a week to the NHS and school. All results should be reported, even if your result is negative or void.

We have sent home a supply of test kits this week with pupils. If you require more home testing kits to continue testing over the holiday period you can order more [online](https://www.gov.uk) through gov.uk or collect from your local pharmacy.

By testing your child twice a week, you will help to reduce the transmission of Coronavirus. We appreciate your support with the testing and the contribution it makes in helping us to keep Parkside Middle School open and minimise the disruption to your child/children's education.

We are arranging on Wednesday 5th January, to test pupils at school in Years 7 and 8 on their return to school. We will only be testing pupils whose parents/carers have previously provided permission.

Please contact the school office via office@parkside.worcs.sch.uk if you have any questions or concerns about home testing or testing on site.



As a school we establish and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are listened to and encouraged to talk.

Parkside Middle School is committed to safeguarding and the PREVENT strategy and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Pupils learn to accept and uphold our fundamental British values.

Below, please find a reminder of recent advice from the DfE regarding face coverings.

Face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors and pupils in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt.

Pupils (in year 7 or above) should continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport unless they are exempt.

In line with this, we will be expecting staff, visitors, and pupils to follow this guidance. Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 may also wear face coverings if they wish to do so.

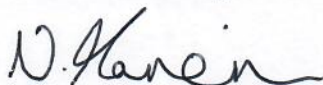
Government guidance on how to wear face masks without increasing the risk of infection should be followed. In particular, hands should be sanitised or washed immediately before and after touching, including to remove or put them on. Face masks must be stored in plastic bags and temporary face masks must be disposed of in a covered bin.

For the latest government guidance regarding testing, please follow the link below:

[Daily rapid testing for COVID-19 contacts launches this week - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/daily-rapid-testing-for-covid-19-contacts-launches-this-week)

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



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