



16/12/2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have reached the end of a very successful Autumn term. It has been great to see our students having a more usual school experience, moving from lesson to lesson, attending clubs, socialising with their friends. They have missed so much during the pandemic and it is wonderful to see them enjoying school life as they should.

The Omicron Variant of Covid is presenting new challenges for us all. I am grateful to staff and students for wearing masks again in communal areas. This has helped to keep us safe. We all hope there will be no further lockdowns or school closures. Should this change, we will contact you with details of our remote teaching programme. Please let us know if you require a laptop in case of closure to help to plan ahead.

**School finishes at 1.45pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** and our new term begins on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. **Students should attend on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022** to conduct a lateral flow Covid test and will then return home. They do not need to wear uniform. The times of their tests are as follows:

Year 7: Between 9-10am

Year 8: Between 10-11am

Year 9: Between 11.30--12.30pm

Year 10: Between 12.30-1.30pm

Year 11: Between 2-3pm

If these times are a problem please email [enquiries@olsj.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@olsj.blackburn.sch.uk) and we will aim to accommodate your request. If you did not provide permission last time, please email and we will send you a permission form.

You will be contacted if their test result is positive. You should then get a PCR test to confirm the result. All students testing negative should attend school at the usual time on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. Please ensure they have the correct uniform and equipment. If they are missing any items then contact their Head of Year who can help out.

Thank you for all your support this term and I hope you have an enjoyable Christmas with your family.

Yours faithfully,

Mr P Tite

Headteacher