



# HAWTHORN HIGH SCHOOL

## Health, Happiness, Success



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Dear Parent / Carer,

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you have had a safe and healthy Christmas. This beginning of this term is likely to be challenging but, once again, I would like to thank you as parents for your ongoing support and understanding during this difficult period for us all.

### Start of the Spring Term:

As communicated at the end of last term, both Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January are designated **planning days** for all schools. **There will therefore be no school (either on-site or remote provision) for pupils on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of January.**

**We look forward to all pupils returning to school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January.**

We are operating emergency childcare provision for all eligible pupils – pupils who are children of emergency / social care / education workers on **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. If you have requested this emergency childcare provision, we will contact you directly with the necessary arrangements.

### January Examinations:

Robust mitigation plans will be in place to prioritise Year 10 pupils to safely sit their GCSE English Literature Examination on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of January and also BTEC Construction and PE Year 10 / 11 on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January, and exam years will be prioritised for onsite provision should there be a need to restrict onsite learning at any time.

### LFD tests:

All staff and pupils of secondary age and above should test **three** times a week using LFDs (on Monday, Wednesday and Friday). We provided pupils with a supply of LFD tests before the Christmas break and will be ensuring further supplies throughout the term. It's important you report your test result as soon as you can, whether it's positive, negative or void, either by calling 119, or reporting on:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

### Face Coverings:

All pupils ( unless medically exempt) are expected to wear a face covering in all communal areas of school ( classrooms, corridors and other indoor communal areas). Face coverings must also be worn on school transport. **Please ensure your child brings a suitable face covering to school every day.**

### PE Lessons:

For the next fortnight, pupils will be allowed to wear the **official HHS PE Kit** to school on the days they have a PE lesson. This will be reviewed regularly. If your child does not have a designated PE lesson, they are expected to wear the correct school uniform to school every day. This will be monitored closely.

### Visitors to the school site:

During the next fortnight we will be limiting the number of visitors who attend our school site. We kindly ask you not to attend site unless pre-arranged with a staff member. You are more than welcome to telephone the office to speak with your child's Head of Year should you wish. Likewise, please email your child's Head of Year should you wish to discuss a matter with them.

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### COVID-19 Symptoms:

The most effective way to prevent transmission of COVID-19 in schools is to stop infection being brought into the school. **It is important that no one with COVID-19 symptoms attends school.** Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 must self-isolate and not attend school. Anyone developing symptoms should also self-isolate immediately and book a test.

### Positive PCR tests:

Should any pupil, unfortunately, test positive for COVID-19 please ensure that you inform the school immediately to allow us to update RCT.

Pupils must self-isolate from the day symptoms started and for at least 7 full days. If a pupil tests positive, the self-isolation period includes the day symptoms started (or the day they had the test, if they do not have symptoms) and the next 7 full days. If a pupil develops symptoms while self-isolating, the 7 days restarts from the day after symptoms started.

A pupil who has tested positive can leave self-isolation after 7 full days (on day 8 of the self-isolation period). On day 6 of the self-isolation period an LFD test should be taken and another test 24 hours later.

This is to check if your child remains infectious and therefore could pass COVID-19 on to others. Pupils should not take an LFD before the sixth day of the self-isolation period because the risks of remaining infectious and the chances of passing the virus on to others before this period is significantly higher.

If both LFD test results are negative, it is likely that your child was not infectious at the time the tests were taken, and they can return to school, paying extra care to good hand hygiene and the wearing of face coverings.

Once again, we would like to thank you as parents for your ongoing support and understanding during this very difficult and unpredictable period.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Crockett  
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