

George Abbot Bulletin

...the weekly round-up and preview for GAS parents and carers

Headteacher's Message

07 January 2022

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The new term has already brought a daily burst of updates from the government regarding COVID-19 and the consequent expectations of or guidelines for schools. We will continue to do our best to communicate these to our community as clearly as we can.

Today's DfE update asks for masks to be voluntary for all internal examinations. We have immediately adjusted our arrangements accordingly.

Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting school in the prompt testing of 2000 students so that term could get underway with all students in lessons today. Our army of testing volunteers had a really tough and exhausting day. We are so very grateful for their commitment to our community. Students too were superb in waiting patiently. Testing instructions for school require that they are tested before they return to lessons. The rapidity with which the Omicron variant can spread meant that we kept students in the fresh air as much as we could. We picked up a number of positive LFT results and so this approach was the safest in terms of the transmission of COVID-19 at the beginning of an important academic term.

Below is a reminder of the main COVID-19 guidance changes as they stand today. Please particularly note the upcoming change regarding PCR tests which take effect from Tuesday 11 January.

Kate Carriett
Headteacher

COVID-19 Government Guidance

Facemasks

"We are already taking targeted and proportionate action by recommending face coverings for all adults in the **communal areas** of all settings, and for **pupils and students in Year 7 and above** in communal areas. And from Tuesday 4 January, we also recommend that face coverings should be **worn in classrooms** and teaching spaces where students in Year 7 and above are educated. The advice is short term only and will be reviewed on 26 January, in line with the review on Plan B measures."

Confirmatory PCR tests to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results

"Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test."

Vaccinations

"**Vaccinations** remain our best defence against COVID-19 and that is why every child and young person aged 12 and over is eligible to receive the vaccine. It is also vital that all of us – including parents, carers, teachers, early years professionals, eligible students and everyone working in education and childcare – go out as soon as they possibly can to get the **booster jab**, to protect the NHS, protect our way of life, and protect education and childcare."

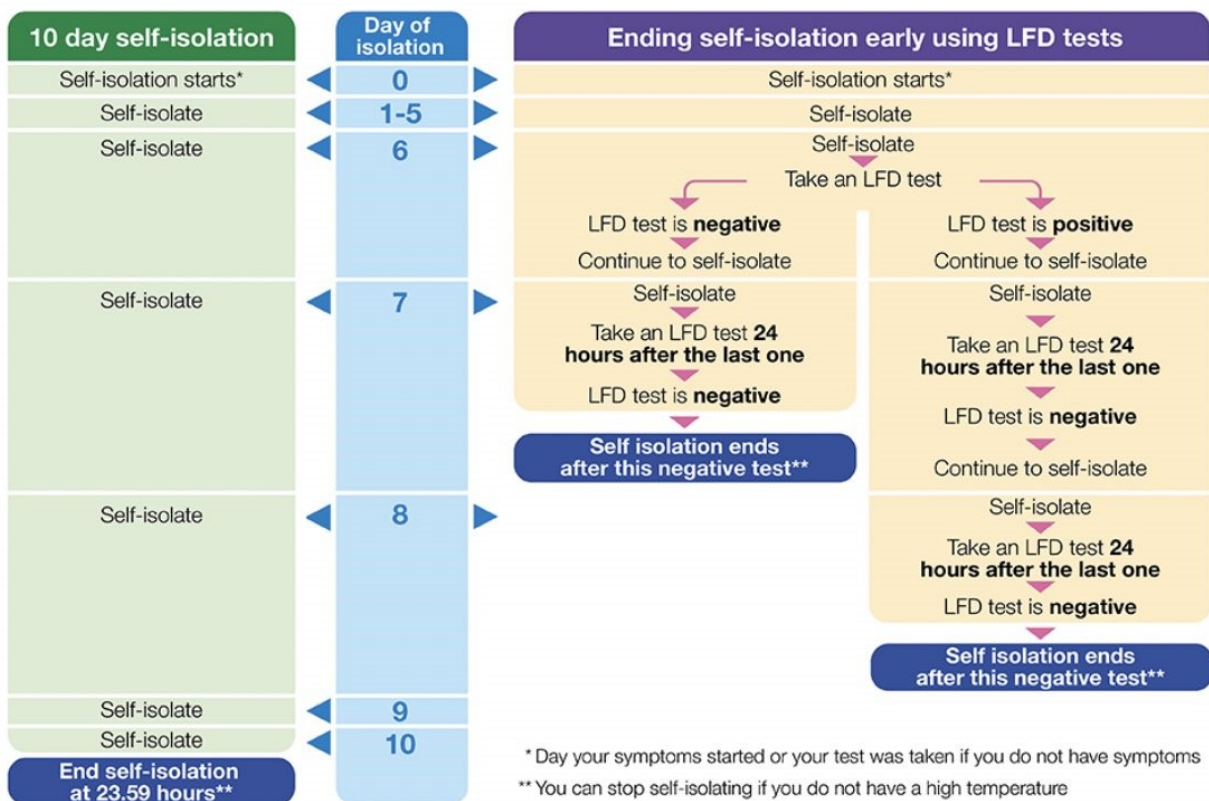
Artington Park and Ride are offering walk-ins at their COVID-19 Vaccination centre, for all ages over 12 who are eligible. Please visit the following website for the centre's opening times:

<https://www.procurehealth.co.uk/projects/covid-vaccinations/>

Following a positive COVID-19 test result

"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. **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 or childcare setting from day 7.** Please refer to the diagram below from the Government website."

Examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result



Reporting LFT Test Results

Please continue to report your child's test results to the two following links:

The Government:

www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

George Abbot School:

<https://forms.office.com/r/aa5GPS6gQM>

Lesson omission		
Week Commencing	A or B	Lesson omission
10 January	B	1
17 January	A	2
24 January	B	3
31 January	A	4
7 February	B	5
HALF TERM		

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Notices	
Whole School	<p>⇒ REMINDER: Early School Closure for Year 8 Parent Subject Consultations—Thursday 13 January 2022</p> <p>School will be closing at 1.30pm on Thursday 13 January 2022 for the Year 8 Parent Subject consultation meetings.</p> <p>When the Progress Monitoring Subject Consultations are for a year group other than their own, students are expected to complete work set independently at home during the afternoon. This work will be set via Satchel One and/or the SLE.</p> <p>Provision has been made for students who are unable to go home at this time. If you wish for your son/daughter to remain supervised in school, please let us know by emailing curriculum@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk by close of school on Wednesday 12 January. It is important to note that supervised student places are more limited than in previous times due to COVID-19 restrictions, so it is vital that we are forewarned of those who will be in attendance.</p> <p>If you notify us your child will be remaining in school and your arrangements change, it is essential you let us know of the change before 12.00pm on the day. Where we have been notified that a student will be remaining in school, if they fail to arrive and register at USIC, you will be contacted by a truancy call alert from our attendance system. Therefore, it is important they register in USIC at 2.15pm if you have notified us that your son/daughter is remaining in school. Please be reminded school buses will run at the usual time.</p>
Year 13	<p>⇒ Safe Haven</p> <p>A new Young Adult Safe Haven, providing mental health support for young people aged 18-25, is now up and running in Guildford. It's a walk-in service, providing easy access to mental health services. For full details, please click here.</p>
Year 12	<p>⇒ Visual Arts Trip to Paris 2023</p> <p>Please see letter attached regarding a trip to Paris open to all students in Year 12 studying an A Level in the Visual Arts.</p>
Year 11	<p>⇒ Sixth Form Interviews</p> <p>Sixth Form interviews will take place from w/c 17 January 2022. An invitation for your child's interview, including the time and date, will be sent to their school email address on Thursday 13 January 2022. If they do not receive and email on this day, please email thesixthform@georgeabbot.surry.sch.uk</p> <p>⇒ Visual Arts Trip to Paris 2023</p> <p>Please see letter attached regarding a trip to Paris open to all students intending to stay at the Sixth Form at George Abbot to study an A Level in the Visual Arts.</p>
Year 10	<p>⇒ FAO MFL students</p> <p>Please see letter attached regarding a Careers Event for Year 10 MFL students.</p>
Year 8	<p>⇒ Year 8 Parent Subject Consultations—Thursday 13 January 2022</p> <p>Please see important information attached regarding Year 8 Parent Subject Meetings and instructions for booking appointments.</p>

Sport Extra Curricular Timetable—Spring Term

Sport												
	Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday		
	Club	Area	Teacher	Club	Area	Teacher	Club	Area	Teacher	Club	Area	Teacher
2 nd Break	Year 7 Badminton	SH	BRI	Year 8 Badminton	SH	JNF						
3 rd Break				Year 11 Girls Basketball	SH	JLL	Year 9 Badminton	SH	SGB	Year 10 Badminton Y9/10 Girls Handball	SH	AJR
A F T E R S C H O O L	Year 7 Boys Basketball	Gym	External Coach	Year 8/9 Boys Basketball	SH	External Coach + SGB	Year 7/10/11 Girls Basketball	SH	External Coach + CEF	Year 8/9 Girls Basketball	Gyms	JLL
	Orienteering (All years)	Meet at SH	6 th Form	Year 7/8 Hockey	Astro	External Coach + BRI	Year 10/11 Boys Basketball	Gyms	SGB	Y9/10 Hockey	Astro	BRI
	KS3 American Football	Astro	6 th Form	Gymnastics (All years)	Gym	CEF/JZH	Y7/8 Handball	Astro	AJR/PLJ	Year 7 Girls Netball	Courts	External Coach + PLJ
				GCSE PE Evening	SHL	JNF	Y10/11/6th Girls Fitness Suite	FS	LAM	Y9/10 Boys Handball	SH	AJR/LM
						GCSE PE Evening	SHL	JNF/JN	Year 7 Rugby	Field	External Coach	
									Y10/11/6th Boys Fitness Suite	FS	CXC	

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