

Our Ref: LD/cc/DLE/End of Term Arrangements

7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers



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**End of Term and New Year Arrangements**

I am writing to inform you about the arrangements for the end of term and the return to school in the new year.

**End of Term**

On **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021**, pupils and students will leave school following their festive House assemblies. Key Stage 3 will leave at 3.00pm and Key Stages 4 and 5 will leave at 1.15pm. School buses will **not** be available for those departing at 1.15pm so pupils will need to make alternative arrangements for transport home. Buses will be here for Years 7, 8 and 9 at 3.00pm.

For ease of reference, here is the list of departure times:

Year 7 - 3.00pm  
Year 8 - 3.00pm  
Year 9 - 3.00pm  
Year 10 - 1.15pm  
Year 11 - 1.15pm  
Year 12 - 1.15pm  
Year 13 - 1.15pm

Pupils should bring their bags to school. They will not need their exercise books or equipment for specific lessons (e.g. PE kit) but they should bring their stationery (pens, etc.) so they can participate in quizzes and other activities.

The final day of term is **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021**.

Year groups will leave at the following times:

Year 7 - 12.35pm  
Year 8 - 12.45pm  
Year 9 - 12.35pm  
Year 10 - 12.45pm  
Year 11 - 12.35pm  
Year 12 - 12.35pm  
Year 13 - 12.35pm

School buses will be available. Pupils will not need to bring bags on the final day.

**It is vital that your child returns home directly and does not wait around in the local community. We will be making sure they understand this. Please support us by reinforcing this message at home.**





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Pupils who receive **Free School Meals** can instead use their £1 break and £2 lunch allowances at break time so that they can select the food that they want.

## **New Year**

Year groups will return to school on the following days due to Covid testing:

Year 7, Year 11, Year 12, Year 13: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Year 9, Year 10: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Year 8: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Pupils should arrive at the normal time (no earlier than 8.30am and no later than 8.45am). They should continue to enter through the year group-specific entrances they have been allocated since we started back to school in September.

## **Covid testing on our return**

The government has asked schools to Covid test all pupils for who we have consent on our return to school in January. The test is voluntary and anyone under 16 will require parental consent. If you have already given us consent for Covid testing you do not need to do anything.

**If you have not previously consented and you would now like to give consent, you can do so by completing this electronic form:** [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hVh-eMTdU0WnV6udzkY06kl5qHftHv5Kr7fT3N\\_VC0NUN0FNsDM5VzVCRtAzVDBQNVpDNIBTNzFWTy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hVh-eMTdU0WnV6udzkY06kl5qHftHv5Kr7fT3N_VC0NUN0FNsDM5VzVCRtAzVDBQNVpDNIBTNzFWTy4u)

If you have not given consent, your child will not be tested.

Any participating pupils who test positive on a Lateral Flow Test in school will be informed about their results individually and their parents/carers notified. Pupils will need to take a further PCR test as soon as possible.

## **Face coverings**

Although the government have not said whether face coverings will be expected when we return to school, we expect this to be the case. It is currently the law for all pupils (except those who are medically exempt) to wear a face covering in school communal areas and we do not expect this to change. We are currently having to give out hundreds of disposable face coverings a day. Starting from the first day back in January, we will be charging pupils who arrive at school without a face covering or have to be issued with one during the day. The amount (50p) will be deducted from their WisePay account.



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### **WisePay reminder**

If your child purchases food at break or lunchtime, please remember to top up your child's account before they return to school.

### **Uniform reminders**

Full uniform checks will be taking place in the first week back. Here is a reminder of our expectations: <https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/uniform/>. We have been assured that all suppliers have stock of the required uniform.

### **Positive Covid test results during the Christmas break**

If your child tests positive at the end of the break, meaning they will not be able to return to school, you must inform us through our email address: [postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk).

On behalf of all the staff at Barr Beacon School, I wish you a very happy and peaceful holiday and New Year.

Yours sincerely

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