

24th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers



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I just wanted to write to thank you for your tremendous support yesterday with our Ofsted remote learning monitoring inspection. We are very pleased with the outcome. We hope that the inspection detail will be published within the next 4 weeks and I look forward to sharing it with you.

I must thank everyone in our Light Hall community for the way in which we have risen to the challenge of remote learning during these difficult times. Our children have worked hard to follow the same curriculum which they would have had, had they been in school and our staff have continued to offer the same high level of support, guidance and care, as if we had all been in the same building. Of course, we could not do this without your tremendous efforts at home. I am extremely proud of the way in which every one of us has continued to live out our core Light Hall values, even while we are all apart.

Return to School

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our students back to school in the week beginning 8th March 2021. We have now received guidance from the Government relating to this and during the remainder of this week we will be planning to ensure that our return to school is managed effectively in line with this guidance.

At the start of next week, we will send out information regarding the return of our students to school based learning. This information will outline the plan for our phased return of students during the week beginning 8th March, how we intend to administer the testing that the government has instructed us to complete and reminders regarding the expectations of our covid risk assessment for safety for all whilst on the school site.

In light of the mass testing instruction from the government, if you wish for your child to be tested in school, can I ask that you follow the link below and complete the consent form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xLzYj3HO-kibzhhUqrFi6YygpNwBJMtGreLw6vXs0ktUOUtJNURKQ0w2MTk0UUVBZSDdVQkIEWjBCMy4u>

Please complete this by 9am on Friday 26th February 2021 at the latest. This will assist us in informing our phased return schedule. Lateral flow testing, conducted in school is voluntary, however, it is a way to support stopping the spread of the virus which would aid the day to day running of the school. I would therefore urge you to consider that carefully. After the initial three tests conducted in school, students will receive tests to take home to be administered by parents.

All relevant information relating to mass testing is on the school website:

<https://www.lighthall.co.uk/covid-19-mass-testing/>,

This includes information about how the test is conducted. Please do go through this with your child.

Thank you for your patience and for all of your incredible support over this recent period of remote learning. The positive comments we have received, on a daily basis, have motivated us all to ensure that the students get the best possible education, as we attempt to continue with "business as usual".



We recognise the challenge that this situation places on parents and the dynamics of each family. To be able to rely on your support has been essential and for this we are very grateful. Thank you in advance for all of your support over the next two to three weeks as we move into the next, and hopefully final, phase of the pandemic.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Annette Kimblin'.

Annette Kimblin
Headteacher