



THE BILLERICAY SCHOOL

A MATHS & COMPUTING COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Exam Students and Years 11 and 13

Further to my letter, on the 1 January, we are now receiving further guidance that I wish to share with you.

A number of students are scheduled to take formal external examinations next week and the DfE have now issued a statement which I would like you to read and act upon.

Public Examinations

The Department for Education has stated all Public Examinations in January will run for students. Some students in Years 9–13 will be sitting Public Examinations in the week commencing 11 January and we strongly advise students who are doing so **to get a PCR test**. This should be done in the next two days to ensure the results are received and can be booked at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test, using the community testing option. After taking the test students should self-isolate before their Public Examination as well.

As an additional measure, we will be checking temperatures before entering the Public Examination and any student who is running a fever will not be able to sit the examination. They will need to be collected from the school site.

Due to the logistical challenges of the number of tests that we will need to facilitate, I am also requesting that all students in years 11 and 13 also arrange a PCR test, prior to returning to school next week.

If your child has had a positive test result in the last 6 weeks, you should **not** take a test, as it may give a 'false positive' because of a previous infection. Please can you inform us, if this is the case.

At this point in time, there is some uncertainty about the NIBS service for the week commencing 11 January. We would ask, therefore, that you make alternative arrangements for your child. Should we receive any further update regarding the service, we will endeavour to share this via social media and on our website.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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