



## Arrangements for Asymptomatic Testing of Students

**September 2021**

The government have said that secondary schools are able to implement a **phased return** during the first week of term to allow all students to be tested on their return to school. We will need to stagger the return of students throughout the week to ensure this is carried out in a safe, well-planned and effective manner, ensuring the health and safety of all students and staff. **However, we are trying to get all of the students back in as quickly as we can working and we appreciate your understanding around this.**

As also outlined in the government guidance, students will be **tested TWICE in school** during the initial return period, each test being 3-5 days apart. Students will therefore already have returned to school by their second COVID-19 tests and so their second test will be organised during the normal school day. Following these two in-school tests, we will **provide all students with two rapid tests to use each week at home**. Staff will also take two tests each week at home.

In order to manage this phased return, **students will therefore need to come into school for their first lateral flow test the day before they return to school for lessons. They will only attend that day for their LFD test.** Their second test will be spaced out over the following week; they will simply come out of a lesson for their test once they are back in school full time.

Therefore, **students will return to school on the following dates:**

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
<b>Wed 1 Sept (Training Day)</b>	LFD Test 1						
<b>Thurs 2 Sept</b>	In School all day			LFD Test 1	LFD Test 1	LFD Test 1 Induction PM	
<b>Fri 3 Sept</b>	In School all day	LFD Test 1	LFD Test 1	In School all day	In School all day		LFD Test 1 Induction PM
<b>Mon 6 Sept</b>	<b>In School all day</b>						

**Wednesday 1 September** is a Training Day for staff (Year 7 will be on-site for LFD testing)

**Thursday 2 September** – new Year 7 only in school (with Year 10, 11 and 12 on-site for LFD testing, and Year 12 for their induction PM)

**Friday 3 September** - Year 7, 10 and 11 in school (with Year 8, 9 and 13 on-site for LFD testing, and Year 13 for their induction PM)

**The full timetable will then begin on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.**

The government is advising all secondary students and staff to be tested for Covid 19, before returning to the classroom after the summer. Although this testing is not compulsory, or a return to school conditional on having a test, we strongly advise all students to comply.

Those students taking the self-administered test will be supervised by trained staff and volunteers. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose. The tests we are using next term are the Orient Gene tests which only need a nasal swab. If any students are unable to undertake a nasal swab we do have some supplies of the Innova test we can use (throat swab). Once the students have taken two tests on-site, they will be provided with home test kits for regular twice weekly testing at home. Students should participate in the tests on site to ensure they are practising the correct technique to ensure competence in home testing, otherwise they cannot be issued with home testing kits.

We understand that some of our young people may be anxious about the testing. Please reassure them there is nothing to worry about.

Students will be tested in one of the Gyms within our school building. Please ensure that your child arrives on time as we want to avoid congestion or students loitering unnecessarily.

After your child has received their test, they will be directed to leave via the main school gate at the front of the school. It is important they do not loiter outside the school to meet up with their friends as this could be counter-productive to school's safe return.

Students are not required to wear their uniform as they will only be on site for a matter of minutes however, we would advise wearing sensible/appropriate clothing and to keep a check on the weather as there is a possibility that students may need to wait outside until they are called forward.

They will only be on site for around twenty minutes.

We have had a number of queries about young people who have had COVID-19. The advice is that anyone who has previously received a positive COVID-19 PCR test result should NOT be re-tested within 90 days of that test unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19. You will therefore not need to undertake these tests if this applies to you.

## **Consent**

Of course, we will need your consent for your child to be tested. Testing is voluntary but strongly encouraged. We will only be able to test your child if you give consent. If you gave consent back in March for the in-school testing you do NOT need to do so again. If you are new to the school or did not give consent last time, please can you complete the consent form in the link below. In some browsers you may need to copy the link to the browser window.

<https://tinyurl.com/efmf3kzt>

**If you are happy for your child to be tested in school you MUST complete this form to give consent.**

Finally, just to remind you that if a parent does not give consent and the child does not undertake a test on the allocated day, they will still be able to return as normal the day following their year group has been tested.

**Timings for student arrival Wednesday 1 September**

Arrival time	Form Class	
11.00 am	7 CJ	Class 1 - Mr James 7CJ
11.20am	7 CHB	Class 2 - Miss Baxter 7CHB
11.40 am	7 JOP	Class 3 - Mrs Snowball and Mrs Proudlock 7JOP
12.00 pm	7 KH	Class 4 - Mr Harrison and Ms Jordan 7KH
1.00pm	7 LR	Class 5 - Miss Ring 7LR
1.20pm	7 TF	Class 6 - Mr Fisher 7TF
1.40pm	7 HES	Class 7 - Mrs Smith and Mrs Bell 7HES
2.00pm	7 AGW	Class 8 - Mr Wallace 7AGW
2.20pm	7 ALD	Class 9 - Mrs Douglas 7ALD

**Timings for student arrival Thursday 2 September**

Arrival time	Form Class
9.00 am	10 LCO (was JES)
9.15 am	10 CG
9.30 am	10 CCO (was SF/SP)
9.45 am	10 RH
10.00 am	10 MMO (was AI)
10.15 am	10 SF
10.30 am	10 MKE
10.45 am	10KL
11.00 am	10 LM
11.45 am	12 surname A - F
12.00 pm	12 surname G - M
12.15 pm	12 surname N - Z
1.00pm	11 SS
1.15pm	11 JE
1.30 pm	11 MAS
1.45pm	11 MB
2.00 pm	11 MTO
2.15pm	11 AM
2.30pm	11 ACW
2.45pm	11 KP
3.00pm	11 JJ

**Timings for student arrival Friday 3 September**

Arrival time	Form Class
9.00 am	8 AB
9.15 am	8 AH
9.30 am	8 SVS (was CMR)
9.45 am	8 NL
10.00 am	8 CP
10.15 am	8 SWZ (was SH)
10.30 am	8 LS
10.45 am	8 CW
11.00 am	8 RKN

11.45 am	13 surname A – F
12.00 pm	13 surname G – O
12.15 pm	13 surname P – Z
1.00pm	9 NH
1.15pm	9 RAR (was RCO)
1.30 pm	9 JHA
1.45pm	9 AS
2.00 pm	9 CB
2.15pm	9 EL
2.30pm	9 LP
2.45pm	9 DJN
3.00pm	9 HW