

HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

28th February 2021

RE: Lateral Flow Testing - Even if your child is not going to be consenting to testing please read this letter as it contains other information about the return to on site education.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following my previous communication we are now in a position to outline our testing timetable for **Year 8** students and the timeline for students returning to their full time on site education.

In order to manage the logistics of administering 3 tests, 3-5 days between each test, to all students who consent, we are having to chunk the testing into half year group.

For **Year 8** we are asking students to attend:

	Surnames A to L	Surnames M to Z
Test 1	Friday 5 th March 8:30 to 9:30am	Friday 5 th March 9:30 to 10:30am
Test 2	Tuesday 9 th March 8:30 to 9:30am	Tuesday 9 th March 9:30 to 10:30am

The 3rd and final test will be administered during the school day on Thursday 11th March 2021.

The actual test will only take a few minutes to complete so parents/carers are welcome to wait in the car park if they are dropping off a student for testing.

Due to the immense logistics and staffing of arranging and delivering this number of tests there will be some changes to the provision we are able to offer across Thursday 4th, Friday 5th, Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th March. On 4th & 5th we will still be delivering live and online provision as much as we are able. Some teachers have volunteered to administer testing due to the number of people needed to administer the test site. This may mean some changes to provision offered but we will endeavor to ensure work is still set and available. On Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th March we will not be running live events as many staff will be assisting in the testing programme. Again, work will be available through SMHW.

Across these 4 days we will still be offering our CW & Vulnerable on site provision for anyone who needs it. Any students who are safely able to complete their learning remotely on those days would assist us with staffing the testing site and ensuring we can administer the number of tests required; it would be very much appreciated. Obviously any student who needs to be on site will be accommodated in line with the current provision.

All students will return to the Academy on site from 8:30am on Wednesday 10th March. By then any student who consents will have had 2 lateral flow tests thereby helping ensure no positive cases come back into the Academy. Any student who is unable to undertake testing or does not consent will also be able to return on 10th March at 8:30am. There will be absolutely no identification or distinction between those who have and those who have not undertaken testing.



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As per my communication last week, most of the structures and routines will be unchanged from before the Christmas break (when we were all last together in the Academy):

Students should enter through the main entrance and go immediately to their Tutor Room on arrival.

'Hands, Face and Space' remain the key message as it is across the country.

Students should sanitise their hands on arrival and regularly during the day.

Face coverings have to be worn at all times indoors (except for when seated and eating at break or lunch).

Keep Left and One Way systems remain in operation and should be adhered to at all times.

Social distancing between year groups should be maintained during break and lunch via segregated social times and social spaces.

Lastly, and most importantly, we all try our best at all times. We work hard and make the most of our time in the Academy. I am sure our entire community, as I do, hope that this is the last disruption to our time together!

As always, an enormous thank you for your patience and understanding as we implement these systems.

Best wishes,

Mr C Shaw
Principal