



20 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Asymptomatic Testing and start of term arrangements**

I am writing to give details on the advice and guidance from the Department for Education regarding the requirement to administer two lateral flow tests for all pupils at the start of term; this is further to my letter of 16 July 2021 – some of the information has been updated.

**From Tuesday 7 September 2021**

Pupils/students will return to school following the schedule below:

Day and date	Year group to be tested Morning session	Year group to be tested Afternoon session		Year group to be tested After 3.00pm session
Monday 6 September				
Tuesday 7 September	Year 7	Year 7	Sixth Form	Sixth Form
Wednesday 8 September	Year 10	Year 11		
Thursday 9 September	Year 8	Year 9		
Friday 10 September	Year 7	Year 7	Sixth Form	Sixth Form
Monday 13 September	Year 10	Year 11		
Tuesday 14 September 2021	Year 8	Year 9		
Wednesday 15 September 2021	Testing by small groups not tested in the schedule above			

**Consent**

For current pupils whose parents have already given consent, there is no requirement to consent again. For Year 7 pupils, and current pupils that would now like to consent to ATS testing, you will find the consent form in the Forms section of ParentMail. Please also find attached the Privacy Notice for ATS Testing and the Data Protection Covid Testing FAQs for Parents.

The return to school will be on the following basis:

**Tuesday 7 September 2021**

**Year 7 are to be in school from 9.00am** and will go straight to their assigned Form class which will be based in the Humanities Faculty of the school. Those children for whom we have consent, will be escorted from their Form class to the ATS, where they will either administer themselves or have a trained Test Assistant administer a Lateral Flow Device Test. Pupils will remain with their Form class until all tests are complete and results known. There will be a range of activities taking place within Form rooms during this time covering aspects such as Safe journey, Happy at school, quizzes, a tour and self-organisation – break and lunch is included

**Year 12 and Year 13** will arrive in school in the afternoon and have their first Lateral Flow Device Test



## Wednesday 8 September 2021

**Year 7** will have lessons with registration at 8.50am

**Year 10 are to be in school from 8.50am** and will go straight to their assigned Form class which will be based in the Science Faculty of the school. Those children for whom we have consent, will be escorted from their Form class to the ATS, where they will either administer themselves or have a trained Test Assistant administer a Lateral Flow Device Test. Pupils will remain with their Form class until all tests are complete and results known. There will be a range of activities taking place within Form rooms during this time, including self-organisation. The intention is for Year 10 to return to their timetabled lessons as soon as all Lateral Flow Device Tests have been complete, and results known

**Year 11 are to be in school from 12.50pm** and will go straight to their assigned Form class which will be based in either the MFL or CBEM Faculty of the school. Those children for whom we have consent, will be escorted from their Form class to the ATS, where they will either administer themselves or have a trained Test Assistant administer a Lateral Flow Device Test. Pupils will remain with their Form class until all tests are complete and results known. There will be a range of activities taking place within Form rooms during this time, including self-organisation.

**Years 12 and 13** will follow a separate induction and tutor programme

## Thursday 9 September 2021

**Years 7, 10 and 11** will have timetabled lessons starting with registration at 8.50am.

**Year 8 are to be in school from 8.50am** and will go straight to their assigned Form class which will be based in the English Faculty of the school. Those children for whom we have consent, will be escorted from their Form class to the ATS, where they will either administer themselves or have a trained Test Assistant administer a Lateral Flow Device Test. Pupils will remain with their Form class until all tests are complete and results known. There will be a range of activities taking place within Form rooms during this time, including self-organisation. The intention is for Year 8 to return to their timetabled lessons as soon as all Lateral Flow Device Tests have been complete, and results known

**Year 9 are to be in school from 12.50pm** and will go straight to their assigned Form class which will be based in the Maths Faculty of the school. Those children for whom we have consent, will be escorted from their Form class to the ATS, where they will either administer themselves or have a trained Test Assistant administer a Lateral Flow Device Test. Pupils will remain with their Form class until all tests are complete and results known. There will be a range of activities taking place within Form rooms during this time, including self-organisation.

**Year 12** will have an Independent Learning Workshop 9.00am to 1.00pm

**Year 13** will have timetabled lessons

## Friday 10 September 2021

**All year groups** will have timetabled lessons. The schedule shows that pupils/students will have a second Lateral Flow Device Test which will be administered through teaching groups over the course of either a morning or afternoon.

If there are any further changes or we receive different information I will write again during the holiday period. Once again, I wish to thank all of our members of staff for their continued commitment and hard work, our pupils/students for their continued focus and their ability to adapt and take everything in their stride and to all our parents/carers for your continued support and understanding – it is much appreciated. I wish everyone a happy and well-deserved summer break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Yours sincerely



Ian Morrel

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