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Dear Parent/Carers

We are now able to confirm the details of our Covid testing and return to school programme for September. The current government guidance released late last week asks schools to complete two onsite tests and to stagger the return of students across the first week. The staggered return is in recognition that schools are unable to complete mass onsite testing and operate as normal. We have tried to minimise the stagger as much as possible. Please be aware that six weeks is a long time and this information could be subject to any changes in guidance.

Please find below a summary of the school's programme. Heads of Year will write later in the holidays with timings by tutor groups.

### Testing Dates

Year Group	Test 1	Test 2	Notes
7	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> /Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Monday 6th	Year 7 Test 1 will take place 30 minutes prior to their session with the tutor
8	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	
9	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	
10	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	
11	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	
12	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	
13	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	

### Return to school

Students to arrive at 8.40am and report to designated playground areas, school starts at 8.50am.

Year Group	Date	Notes
7	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Students will wait onsite for test results and then move to tutor time
8	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	
9	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	
10	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	
11	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	
12	Monday 6th	Students will wait on site for test results and then move to tutor time
13	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	

## **Consent**

It is strongly encouraged that students participate in the testing to keep themselves and others safe. We are able to use the consent provided earlier in this year and we will write to our new Year 7's separately regarding how to provide consent.

## **On arrival**

The process will be very similar to the March testing. We are encouraging students to attend the site on foot or bike without parents. Please arrive at the correct time. Students should report to the rear door of the small hall in the Sports Complex (staff will be there to direct you). Students should wear a face covering, sanitise their hands and stick to the 2m distance markers on the floor.

## **Registration**

To help speed up the process, students will be pre-registered onto the NHS test system using the details we already hold. At the registration desk we will check that consent has been given and issue a named test card with a set of barcodes.

## **Testing**

Students will then be directed to the sports hall using the 2m distance markers on the floor to maintain social distance in the queue. Once at the front of the queue, students will be sent to a numbered bay. At the bay a member of staff will ask the student to sanitise their hands and remove their mask; they will then talk them through how to swab their mouth/nose. Once the student has completed the swab, they will be asked to replace their mask and wipe down surfaces. Students will then follow the one-way system and exit the building and go straight home. Year 7 and 12 will be staying in school after the test and will be asked to wait at socially distanced intervals for their results.

## **Results**

We will process the tests on site and a result will be sent to the primary contact email and phone number on the school system. We have had some minor issues with the delivery of results through the NHS test system so if there is a positive test result we will contact you directly. If you do not receive the NHS message or a call from school, the test will have been negative. If there is a positive test then government advice regarding isolation must be followed. Students will be advised to immediately seek a confirmatory PCR test.

## **Home testing**

After the two onsite tests, students are asked to continue with home testing twice a week, for at least the first month of term. We will issue kits at the start of term. Students are not expected to test over the summer.

## **Outbreak plan**

Whilst the vast majority of guidance allows us to return to something closer to normal operation, we are asked to have a contingency plan in the event of an outbreak. Should an outbreak occur, we will return to operations similar to the end of the summer term such as masks and bubbles. We have decided to maintain some measures where we believe there remains a high risk:

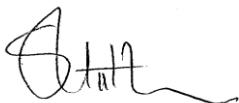
- The staggered end to the day and staggered breaks will continue. **The start of the day will return to 8.50 for all students** (everyone should be onsite for 8.45am, students arriving after the 8.50am bell will be late)
- Hand sanitisers will be available on all entrances

- The playground areas will still be zoned by year groups
- Bubbles will be suspended, students will move to departments for their lessons, setting will return and all practical lessons will be restored, staff will still record seating plans and where possible there will be some consistency in the plans.
- Students will continue to be reminded of Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air
- One-way systems that support student movements will be maintained
- In the event of a significant outbreak and any partial or full closures, we remain ready to return to online delivery via Google Classroom

Sorry to send such a detailed letter at the end of term, we will issue reminders towards the end of the holidays.

I wish our whole school community a happy, restful and safe summer holiday.

Yours sincerely



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**Headteacher**