

22nd July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Subject: Lateral Flow Device Testing (LFD)

Following the Government's most recent announcement, schools are required to offer all students two LFD tests 3-5 days apart before they return in September. We have put plans in place but must stress that all of this is subject to change depending on government guidance released throughout the holiday. In order to facilitate this testing we will need to have a staggered start to the beginning of term. It is our intention to offer 1 test to students in Years 7 and 8 on Thursday 2nd September before the term officially begins.

The second LFD test must take place 3 to 5 days following the initial / previous test to ensure effective results therefore the testing programme is as follows:-

On Thursday 2nd September we will offer testing to students in Years 7-8 as follows:

Time slot (Arrival)	Year group	Surname begins with
9.15am – 9.35am	Year 7	A - F
10am – 10.20am	Year 7	G-L
10.45am – 11.05pm	Year 7	M-R
11.30am – 11.50am	Year 7	S - Z
12.45pm – 1.15pm	Year 8	A - M
2pm – 2.30pm	Year 8	N - Z

On Monday 6th September we will offer testing to students in Years 9, 10 and 11 as follows:

Time slot (Arrival)	Year group	Surname begins
		with
9.15am – 9.45am	Year 9	A - M
9.55am – 10.25am	Year 9	N - Z
10.40am – 11am	Year 10	A - M
11.10am – 11.30am	Year 10	N - Z
1pm – 1.20pm	Year 11	A - M
1.30pm – 1.50pm	Year 11	N - Z

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On Tuesday 7th September we will offer testing to students in Years 7 and 8 as follows:

Time slot (Arrival)	Year group	Surname begins with
9.15am – 9.35am	Year 7	A - F
10am – 10.20am	Year 7	G-L
10.45am – 11.05am	Year 7	M-R
11.30am – 11.50am	Year 7	S - Z
12.45pm – 1.15pm	Year 8	A - M
2pm – 2.30pm	Year 8	N - Z

Wednesday 8th September will be a staff training day and no students will be on school site.

On Thursday 9th September students in Years 7 and 8 should attend school as normal

In addition to this, on Thursday 9th September, we will offer testing to students in Years 9, 10 and 11 as follows

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Time slot (Arrival)	Year group	Surname begins
		with
9.15am – 9.45am	Year 9	A - M
9.55am – 10.25am	Year 9	N - Z
10.40am – 11am	Year 10	A - M
11.10am – 11.30am	Year 10	N - Z
1pm – 1.20pm	Year 11	A - M
1.30pm – 1.50pm	Year 11	N - Z

On Friday 10th September, all students should attend school as normal.

Students must arrive at school and line up outside the dance studio, being mindful of keeping 2 metre social distance. Staff will be available to support with this. Once they have taken the test they will need to leave the school site immediately.

There will be no school transport on Monday 6^{th} September or Tuesday 7^{th} September. School transport will run as normal on Thursday 9^{th} and Friday 10^{th} . However, students who are only attending school in the morning for testing will need to make their own arrangements to return home on Thursday 9^{th} September. If any of this causes you a problem, please get in touch and we will see support we can offer.



Following the initial two LFD tests offered by the school, the Department for Education's (DFE) current proposal is that parents/carers will have the option to carry out the tests twice weekly at home.

Consent for the testing has been requested via a separate email.

I hope this makes sense, please do get in touch with any concerns regarding this testing.

With best wishes

Miss J Caddell

Principal