

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>August 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### **Lateral Flow Testing for students**

As you are aware from correspondence at the end of Module 6, schools are once again being asked to set up rapid asymptomatic testing sites in order to provide all students with the opportunity to carry out an LFD test on site before they enter lessons. I apologise for the relatively short notice period of these arrangements but we were awaiting updates in the guidance documents coming through this week. Now, having the most up to date guidelines, I wish to give you further details regarding our rapid asymptomatic testing site at the Academy in September. Please do note that for Year 9 and 10 students this means a change in start date to Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Timetable

We are offering two LFD tests to all students, which must be carried out 3 to 5 days apart. Where students are having an LFD test, the first of these needs to be negative prior to them returning to lessons. Please see below for the timetable of testing. The time specified below is the time your child should arrive at the Academy, either in the car with you, having driven in themselves or having walked/cycled in.

# Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Time to arrive at	Tutor groups
the Academy	
0800	11.1 and 7.1
0830	11.2 and 11.3
0900	11.4 and 7.2
0930	11.5 and 11.6
1000	13.1 and 13.2
1030	11.7 and 7.3
1100	11.8
1130	11.9
1200	13.3, 13.4 and 13.5
1230	13.6, 13.7 and 7.4
1300	13.8, 13.9 and 7.5
1330	13.11 and 13.12







## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Time to arrive at	Tutor groups
the Academy	
0800	8.1 and 7.6
0830	8.2 and 8.3
0900	7.7 and 7.8
0930	8.4 and 8.5
1000	12.1 and 12.2
1030	8.6 and 8.7
1100	7.9
1130	12.3
1200	8.8, 8.9 and 12.4
1230	12.5, 12.6 and 12.7
1300	12.8 and 12.9
1330	12.11 and 12.12

# Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Time to arrive at	Tutor groups
	Tutor groups
the Academy	
0800	10.1 and 10.2
0830	10.3 and 10.4
0900	10.5 and 10.6
0930	10.7 and 9.1
1030	9.2 and 9.3
1100	9.4
1130	9.5
1200	10.8 and 10.9
1230	9.6 and 9.7
1300	9.8 and 9.9

## The process

- 1. Arrive at the stated time by car/bike or on foot in at the Cross O'Cliff entrance only. You will not be able to access the site from the Sixth Form entrance.
- 2. You will be given a barcode on arrival, which you need in order to register for a test. You will require a smartphone in order to register and we would ask that you help your child with this process. I have attached guidance with this letter, which details the registration process. (If your child is walking/cycling in, then they should make their way to the Old Sports Hall to register, where help will be given if needed. Students should leave their bike in the bike sheds at the back of the KS3 canteen and walk down the road to the left of Science in order to access the Old Hall. They should not take an internal route.)

- 3. Once your child has been registered in the car they should make their way down to the Old Sports Hall by walking down the road to the left of the Science block and enter the hall through the external door near the Year 7 and Year 8 courts. Clear signage will be in place.
- 4. They will be guided through the test centre and carry out their test.
- 5. They should then make their way directly back to you in the car park, or alternatively to collect their bike and leave site.
- 6. The result of the test will be sent to the mobile number that was inputted during the registration process.
- 7. If your child receives a negative result they should come to the Academy and attend lessons as normal on the next school day after their test. Those tested on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> will be expected in lessons on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September and those tested on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> will be expected to return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. If your child receives a positive result, they will need to self-isolate and follow government guidance. If isolating, students will continue to access work through our SharePoint area.

## Consent

If you are happy for your child to be tested for Covid-19 and have already completed the consent form for the testing that took place back in March, you will not need to complete another consent form. Please just turn up at the allocated time slot shown above.

#### New Year 7 students and new starters

If your child has joined our academy since March 2021, or is starting with us in September in any year group and you would like your child to be tested for Covid-19, could you please complete the online document at this <u>link</u>. Without consent, we will be unable to test your child. We require consent forms to be completed by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 9am please, in order to process them in time for testing. Please then arrive at the time stated above.

#### **FAQs**

#### Does my child need to wear uniform to come in for a test?

No, not if they are only coming into the Academy for their test, but they do need to wear a face mask in the test centre please (unless exempt).

#### What will happen if my child tests positive?

An automatic text message from NHS Test and Trace will be sent to the number that was inputted during the registration process. You will also be contacted by the Academy to explain details regarding work and return to the Academy.

#### What are the rules on isolation for the family following a positive result?

From 16 August, you will not be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

- you are fully vaccinated;
- you are below the age of 18 years 6 months;
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial;
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

## Is it better to create an account during the registration process?

If you child is over 16 they are able to create an account which can speed up the registration process of their second and third test. However, if your child is under 16 they are unable to create an account on the NHS system.

## Is the website linked to the test and trace app?

No. The app is NHS Track and Trace and the registration website is NHS Test and Trace. https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/register-kit

## What information do I need to complete the registration process?

Your child will be required to use the registration process in subsequent tests in the Academy so it is essential they know the following information:

- Full address and postcode and how to spell the road name correctly;
- Parent/carer mobile phone number or email address (this is where the result will be sent);
- Further questions such as your NHS number are not essential.

We look forward to welcoming students back to the Academy soon.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Hopkinson Headteacher Mrs A Thatcher Senior Leader