

Dear parents,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your children back to school in the coming days, more specifically being able to focus upon our core purpose of teaching and learning, and hopefully losing less time to the disruption caused by the COVID 19 pandemic.

As you will be aware from wider society, many of the restrictions implemented whilst we as a nation attempted to bring the virus under control are now being lifted. One of the key weapons that we as a school have in protecting against the spread of the virus is the regime of regular testing.

As you are aware from earlier correspondence we are staggering the return to school in order to enable all year groups to complete two COVID tests on site. The table below hopefully makes it clear when each year group should attend for their test, and on which day each year group returns to school fully.

Testing schedule	Day 1 First Test	Day 2 First Test	Day 3 Second Test	Day 4 Second Test	Back to normal
Date	Thursday 2nd Sept.	Friday 3rd Sept	Monday 6th Sept	Tuesday 7th Sept	Wednesday 8th Sept
General School Activity	INSET DAY	INSET DAY Year 7 CATS tests	Delayed school opening to complete testing	Only Year 7 & 12 return to school	All year groups return to school with 2 tests completed
7.30 – 8.30	Year 8 1's	Year 9 1's	Year 8 1's	Year 9 1's	
8.30 – 9.30	Year 8 2's	Year 9 2's	Year 8 2's	Year 9 2's	
9.30 – 10.30	Year 11 1's	<i>Catch up</i>	Year 11 1's	<i>Catch up</i>	
10.30 – 11.30	Year 11 2's	Year 10 1's	Year 11 2's	Year 10 1's	
11.30- 12.30	Year 7 1's	Year 10 2's	Year 7 1's	Year 10 2's	
12.30 – 1.30	Year 7 2's	<i>Catch up</i>	Year 7 2's	<i>Catch up</i>	
1.30 – 2.30	No scheduled tests just overrun time for new Year 7	Year 13	No scheduled tests just overrun time for new Year 7	Year 13	
2.30 – 3.30	Year 12	<i>Catch up</i>	Year 12	<i>Catch up</i>	

Can I thank all of you who have already completed the consent form, however this only amounts to 42% of our school population. In order to minimise the possible disruption caused by the virus it would be our objective for as many students as possible to have completed tests before returning to school. Currently our new Year 7's are leading the way with 78% involvement in the testing, but this reduces in our older age groups with only 30% of Year 11 having returned their consent form, and 25% of the 6th Form. Arguably these examination year groups will be those most impacted should they contract the virus.

Please could I ask all families to complete the following consent form for each of their children today.

[COVID Testing Consent Form](#) (Please use the year group that your child is returning to in September)

Of those who have already responded, 12% of you have confirmed that whilst you are not going to participate in the testing on site you will continue to conduct the twice weekly home testing. On completion of the school testing, all students will be provided with a further set of home test kits.

Please can I ask that all of these results are entered onto the following site:

<https://testregister.co.uk/app>

We have put in place the capacity to be able to test every student twice before their return to school, and each tutor group should attend at the times indicated below. Having completed the test students will return home immediately, the school as well as the NHS will contact any positive cases that are identified. The testing will take place in the main hall and all students should access the site via the main front entrance. Please attend in full school uniform – it will serve as a helpful check that you have everything ready for the first day proper!

Thank you for your cooperation with this, we look forward to seeing all those consent forms completed, and then eventually welcoming you back to the eagerly awaited academic year.

Yours sincerely

Phil Grundy

Time of test	Thursday 2nd Sept	Friday 3rd Sept	Monday 6th Sept	Tuesday 7th Sept
7.30 am	8 B1	9 B1	8 B1	9 B1
7.45 am	8 F1	9 F1	8 F1	9 F1
8.00 am	8 G1	9 G1	8 G1	9 G1
8.15 am	8 P1	9 P1	8 P1	9 P1
8.30 am	8 B2	9 B2	8 B2	9 B2
8.45 am	8 F2	9 F2	8 F2	9 F2
9.00 am	8 G2	9 G2	8 G2	9 G2
9.15 am	8 P2	9 P2	8 P2	9 P2
9.30 am	11 B1	No scheduled tests. Catch up for any missed tests from Day 1	11 B1	No scheduled tests. Catch up for any missed tests from Day 1
9.45 am	11 F1		11 F1	
10.00 am	11 G1		11 G1	
10.15 am	11 P1		11 P1	
10.30 am	11 B2	10 B1	11 B2	10 B1
10.45 am	11 F2	10 F1	11 F2	10 F1
11.00 am	11 G2	10 G1	11 G2	10 G1
11.15 am	11 P2	10 P1	11 P2	10 P1
11.30 am	7 B1	10 B2	7 B1	10 B2
11.45 am	7 F1	10 F2	7 F1	10 F2
12.00 pm	7 G1	10 G2	7 G1	10 G2
12.15 pm	7 P1	10 P2	7 P1	10 P2

12.30 pm	7 B2	No scheduled tests. Catch up for any missed tests from Day 1	7 B2	No scheduled tests. Catch up for any missed tests from Day 1
12.45 pm	7 F2		7 F2	
1.00 pm	7 G2		7 G2	
1.15 pm	7 P2		7 P2	
1.30 pm	No scheduled tests. Overrun time for potential delay with new Year 7's.	13 B1	No scheduled tests. Overrun time for potential delay with new Year 7's.	13 B1
1.45 pm		13 B2		13 B2
2.00 pm		13 B3		13 B3
2.15 pm		13 F1		13 F1
2.30 pm		13 F2		13 F2
2.45 pm	12 B1	13 G1	12 B1	13 G1
3.00 pm	12 B2	13 G2	12 B2	13 G2
3.15 pm	12 B3	13 P1	12 B3	13 P1
3.30 pm	12 F1	13 P2	12 F1	13 P2
3.45 pm	12 F2	No scheduled tests. Catch up for any missed tests from Day 1	12 F2	No scheduled tests. Catch up for any missed tests from Day 1
4.00 pm	12 G1		12 G1	
4.15 pm	12 G2		12 G2	
4.30 pm	12 P1		12 P1	
4.45 pm	12 P2		12 P2	