



22 July 2021

High Importance - September Return Plans

Dear Parents/Carer,

Following recently released Government Schools Covid-19 guidance, we will be implementing mass testing for all students on their return in September. All students have to take two (onsite) Covid LFD tests 3-5 days apart. The tests are not compulsory. However, in order to reduce the risk of unwittingly spreading the virus, it is recommended that your child participates in the programme.

The tests are 'Orient gene' LFD tests, which are a newer, quicker version of the previous tests with one key difference. These are lateral flow devices that require a nasal swab only. Trained staff will oversee that the tests are conducted accordingly. We are hoping that these simpler tests will allow us to test more students more quickly and thereby ensure that disruption to learning is minimal.

As per our March testing, we require permission. Please can you click on the link below and complete the online form.

<https://forms.office.com/r/dDsnuBepXC>

Please note, if you have given permission previously we still need you to complete the online form. We will only test those students for whom we have received permission by the 3.00 pm on the 1st September.

The return of students in September will be staggered:

Thursday 2nd September

Years 10 -13 return, students should arrive as normal and make their way to their form rooms for 8.25 am.

Friday 3rd September

Years 7 -9 return, students in years 8 and 9 should make their way to their form rooms for 8.15 am. Year 7 should make their way to Barrow Hall Theatre for 8.25 am.



Staff will be on hand at the school gates to welcome students back and ensure they know where their form rooms are.

Our testing plans are as follows:

Date	Testing in sports Hall
Thursday 2 nd September	Year 10, 11 and 12 Test 1
Friday 3 rd September	Year 8, 9 and 13 Test 1
Monday 6 th September	Year 7 Test 1 Year 11 and 12 Test 2
Tuesday 7 th September	Year 9, 10 and 13 Test 2
Wednesday 8 th September	Year 8 and 7 Test 2

Our team of testing staff will ensure that all students know at what time they should be tested. Any students who require extra help will be supported. We are aiming to make this process as minimally disruptive to education and the smooth running of school as possible.

As always, thank you for your brilliant support and patience in helping to make this work.



Yours Faithfully,
Mrs Kane
Deputy Headteacher