26 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing with the details and directions for how we are going to manage the mass asymptomatic testing at LSA.  This will also give an indication of when children will be able to return to the classroom for face-to-face learning.  As you will see from the plan below, there is a considerable amount of planning and detail, but this is essential if we are to meet the government’s expectations and get our school up and running quickly.

We will start testing older students (year 10 and 11) in the week *before*March 8th.  This will involve each child who has consented to testing being allocated a slot of time to arrive on site, report to the testing centre, carry out a supervised Lateral Flow Test and then leave to return home.  Parents will be able to use the car park to wait for students if needed.

Students who have submitted their parental consent forms will be required to enter the site at the front (Albany Rd) and go straight to the Test Centre in H1 to register.  They will complete their test and then leave the site immediately.  They will need to arrive during the time slots given below. School uniform is not required on 4th, 5th or 8th March, but face coverings must be worn.  We would also recommend a coat is worn in the event of having to wait outside at any point.

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| **Date** | **Year group involved** | **Details** | |
|  |  | Time for testing based on your Tutor group | |
| **Week A**  Thursday 4th March | **Year 11** students arrive at allocated times for their testing and return home immediately | 11AFA 8:40  11AFE 9:20  11AGI 9:50  11EGL 10:30  11GTR 11:00  11JPN 11.30 | 11LFI 12:20  11LGI 12:50  11MCN 13:20  11MCO 13:50  11NSP 14:20  11SFT 14:50 |
| Friday 5th March | **Year 10** students arrive at allocated times for their testing and return home immediately | 10AJA 8:40  10APO 9:20  10DTH 9:50  10FLI 10:30  10HCA 11:00  10JMO 11.30 | 10KHA 12:20  10KHY 12:50  10KWA 13:20  10LRB 13:50  10MLO 14:20  10SGO 14:50 |
| **Week B**  Monday 8th March | **Year 11** students arrive at allocated times (same times as Thursday 4th March) for their testing and return home immediately    All other students remain at home, working remotely | ***Year 11*** *will return to regular, full time, face to face teaching at 8:40am on Tuesday 9th March* | |
| Tuesday 9th March | **Year 11 return to school for face to face teaching, starting at 8:40 am**  **Year 10** students arrive at allocated times (same times as Friday 5th March) for their testing and return home immediately | ***Year 10*** *will join* ***year 11*** *in full time, face to face teaching from 8:40am on Wednesday 10th March* | |
| Wednesday 10th March | **Year 7 & Year 10 return to school to receive face to face teaching, starting at 8:40am** | **Year 7 & Year 10** will return to their timetabled lesson period 1.  **Year 7** will be taken from their lessons throughout this day to receive a supervised Lateral Flow Test | |
| Thursday 11th March | **Year 8 return to school to receive face to face teaching, starting at 8:40am** | **Year 8** will return to their timetabled lesson period 1.  They will be taken from their lessons throughout this day to receive a supervised Lateral Flow Test | |
| Friday 12th March | **Year 9 return to school to receive face to face teaching, starting at 8:40am** | **Year 9** will return to their timetabled lesson period 1.  They will be taken from their lessons throughout this day to receive a supervised Lateral Flow Test | |

We will then organise the subsequent testing during school hours.  This will obviously lead to a number of disruptions and challenges throughout these first weeks back, but we will aim to keep this to a minimum.

As per government guidance, we will be asking all students to wear a mask in areas where social distancing cannot be offered. This does unfortunately mean we will ask children to wear their masks during lessons. However, in these difficult times, I would ask parents to trust that we will manage this challenge sympathetically and with understanding and care.

I am sorry that there is so much information in one go.  We will be sharing more details and year specific information through assemblies over the coming week.

Yours sincerely,



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