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Final arrangements for Lateral Flow Testing of students on return to school for the Autumn term

Dear Parent/Carer,

I sincerely hope that all parents, carers and students have had both a good and safe summer break. I am writing to clarify the final instructions for the start of term including the testing arrangements. You will remember that new government guidance requires all secondary students to complete two Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) 3-5 days apart at the start of the Autumn term.

All students coming for their **first LFT should enter via the Bike Sheds Gate**, but for normal school days throughout the academic year:

- Years 7, 8 and 9 will enter and leave through the Bike Sheds gate
- Year 10 and 11 will enter and leave through the Science Arches gate

Our plan is that the first LFT should be completed before students' first full day in school, with the second in school time. **Students do not need to wear their school uniform when coming in for their first LFT and they will return home immediately after their test is confirmed as valid.** The timetable is as follows:

Year 7

1st LFT Test	Wednesday 1st September 2pm – 4pm		
	7LKO Mrs L Kozakiewicz & Mrs R Walmsley	Group 1	2:00pm
	7SWO Mr S Woodruff	Group 2	2:15pm
	7CFE Mrs C Fernandez	Group 3	2:30pm
	7RMI Mr R Mistry	Group 4	2:45pm
	7JEN Mrs J Ewing	Group 5	3:00pm
	7SKI Ms S Kinsey	Group 6	3:15pm
	7JWA Mr J Wade	Group 7	3:30pm
	7CVA Ms C Vallee	Group 8	3:45pm
First full day	Thursday 2nd September	starting time 9:00am	finishing time 3:15pm

For Year 7, we will not be able to test any student unless a parent or carer has completed the Parental Consent form for Lateral Flow Testing. This is an electronic form and can be accessed via the school website, from the homepage click on 'Covid-19 Testing Consent Form'.

At the bottom of that page there are two options to 'CONFIRM CONSENT' or to 'REJECT CONSENT'.

The link to the page is- <https://montgomeryschool.co.uk/covid-testing-consent-form>

It is essential that a parent or carer for every year 7 student completes one of these two forms by 29th August, as we will not let a student in to lessons until one of the two forms has been completed. They take about 5 minutes to complete.



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Year 8

1st LFT Test

Thursday 2nd September 10am -12pm

8A1 Mr A Lees	Group 1	10:00am
8A2 Mr S James	Group 2	10:15am
8A3 Mrs A Funnel & Mrs E. Houlihan	Group 3	10:30am
8A4 Mr D McNiven	Group 4	10:45am
8B1 Mrs L Taylor	Group 5	11:00am
8B2 Mr D Young	Group 6	11:15am
8B3 Mrs J Farnworth	Group 7	11:30am
8B4 Ms R Edwards & Mr A Woodhouse	Group 8	11:45am

First full day Monday 6th September starting time 8:45am finishing time 3:00pm

Year 9

1st LFT Test

Friday 3rd September 10am -12pm

9A1 Mr J Houlihan & Mrs E Houlihan	Group 1	10:00am
9A2 Mr M Frew	Group 2	10:15am
9A3 Ms K McIndoe	Group 3	10:30am
9A4 Ms A Cirelli & Mrs M Cox	Group 4	10:45am
9B1 Mr L McMullan	Group 5	11:00am
9B2 Mr A Diver	Group 6	11:15am
9B3 Ms M Healey	Group 7	11:30am
9B4 Mr D Johnston	Group 8	11:45am

First full day Monday 6th September starting time 8:45am finishing time 3:00pm

Year 10

1st LFT Test

Friday 3rd September 2pm - 4pm

10A1 Mr P Leyden & Mrs Walmsley	Group 1	2:00pm
10A2 Mr A Mason	Group 2	2:15pm
10A3 Miss A Hall	Group 3	2:30pm
10A4 Miss N Mudge	Group 4	2:45pm
10B1 Ms D McGuirk	Group 5	3:00pm
10B2 Mrs C Smith & Mrs M Cox	Group 6	3:15pm
10B3 Miss K Elliott	Group 7	3:30pm
10B4 Ms J Lee	Group 8	3:45pm

First full day Monday 6th September starting time 8:45am finishing time 3:00pm



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Year 11

1st LFT Test

Thursday 2nd September 2pm - 4pm

11A1 Mr R Fernandez	Group 1	2:00pm
11A2 Mr J Quinn	Group 2	2:15pm
11A3 Ms L Barrett	Group 3	2:30pm
11A4 Miss C Rogers & Mrs L Thompson	Group 4	2:45pm
11B1 Mrs C Boyce	Group 5	3:00pm
11B2 Mr R Gilmour	Group 6	3:15pm
11B3 Mr L Clayton	Group 7	3:30pm
11B4 Mr R Bradley	Group 8	3:45pm

First full day

Friday 3rd September starting time 9:00am finishing time 3:15pm

Testing consent for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11

We will use the parental consent information for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 that we used when students returned in March 2021 from lockdown. If your child joined the school after March 2021 then please complete one of the two consent (Confirm or Reject) forms on our website as per the details given above for Year 7 students.

Ninety day exemption from LFT testing

Anyone who has received a positive (PCR) COVID-19 test result should not be re-tested (LFT or PCR) within 90 days of that test unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19. Therefore, if your son or daughter tested positive on a PCR Covid-19 test after 3rd June 2021 they should not come to school for a LFT test on the days listed above, but return to school on their year group's first full day.

Face Masks

The current government guidance states that staff and students are not required to wear a face mask in classrooms or communal areas unless there is a Covid outbreak at the school. Any decision to reintroduce the compulsory wearing of face masks will only be made in consultation with Public Health. Current infection rates in the town are still higher than the national average. Our policy will be that the wearing of face masks will be optional for both students and staff in all areas, though we would still advise that students have one in their bag if for any reason it is needed. Government guidance also states that the wearing of face coverings is strongly recommended in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet, including public transport. This means we will still be requiring visitors to the site to wear a face mask.



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Tutor Group name changes

We have decided to change the name of tutor groups to reflect the name of their form tutor. The new names of the tutor groups will be on your son or daughter's timetable and we do not want to increase the length of this already long communication so will not go through it here.

Ties (Year 8 and Year 11 only)

Clarification regarding ties is that Year 11 students will eventually be given a new Year 11 tie though in the meantime should wear their old Year 10 tie. We are expecting the delivery of Year 11 ties in school in the first 2-3 weeks of term.

Year 8 parents do need to buy a new tie from our clothing suppliers listed on our website under uniform. They are £5.99 each. The school will purchase some stock to sell in school so do not worry if you have not got one yet.

Reminder - PE kit

A reminder that students should come to school each day in full school uniform. They should not come in their PE kits on the days they have PE as we will be using the changing rooms again from the start of term.

Reminder - Positive cases & contract tracing

I just wanted to remind parents, carers and students that the guidance regarding how a positive case is dealt with has changed significantly. Any student who displays any of the three main Covid symptoms, however mild, should self-isolate immediately and arrange a PCR test. Those who test positive with a PCR test will be contacted by NHS Test & Trace and asked to identify close contacts. Any close contacts identified will be advised to book a PCR test. Close contacts that are under 18 years and 6 months or double vaccinated will not need to self-isolate in the meantime, unless of course they begin to show symptoms.

It will take a little while to see the full impact of this new way of working and we will rely, once again, on the superb levels of parental support we saw last year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Careless
Headteacher