



# Montgomery Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to start this letter by saying how brilliant the students were last week. They showed real maturity in how they handled the testing, with many having their first ever Covid test. They accepted the wearing of face masks in lessons without fuss. We are hoping that the government review at Easter will mean that we can go back to the previous guidance of only wearing face masks in communal areas. I would also like to thank parents & carers for their great support in getting students to school at their set time.

It was fantastic to see students back in smiling and learning in a classroom again. We now have all year groups back in school and Year 10 and 11 have already had their second test.

Now students will all return to their normal start and finish times. Breaks and lunches will be also not be affected by the remaining testing. To clarify:

**Years 7 & 11** have an arrival time of 8:20 – 8:30am and a finish time of 2:45pm  
**Year 9** have an arrival time of 8:35 – 8:45am and a finish time of 3:00pm  
**Years 8 & 10** have an arrival time of 8:50 – 9:00am and a finish time of 3:15pm

The remaining in-school testing will happen during lesson time and will be as follows:

Monday	Year 9 Test 2 in the morning	Year 7 Test 2 in the afternoon
Tuesday	Year 8 Test 2 in the morning	Year 11 Test 3 in the afternoon
Wednesday	No testing in the morning	Year 10 Test 3 in the afternoon
Thursday	Year 9 Test 3 in the morning	Year 7 Test 3 in the afternoon
Friday	Year 8 Test 3 in the morning	

## Self-testing

We have received enough self-testing kits for all students and intend to distribute these to students this week as the fourth test completed in their first two weeks back should be their first completed at home. The guidance is still unclear at present on two questions:

- Should school be distributing self-testing kits to students where consent for testing has been rejected? (At present the guidance says not, but this is expected to change)
- Should parents/carers be informing school of negative results at home as well as positive ones?

We will hopefully clarify the answers to these questions before we send the kits out. A reminder that the home testing should be completed twice a week and students will receive enough tests to take them up to the Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

S. Careless  
Headteacher