



# ASTLEY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all had a relaxing summer and everyone has been able to return to some form of normality over the last couple of months.

As previously indicated, I am writing to share the details of our plan for the start of the autumn term 2021 at Astley Community High School.

We are once again very much looking forward to welcoming back all of our students and hope that school will be operating as close to normal as possible from September.

## **In- School Lateral Flow Testing**

As instructed by the government, we have to conduct two lateral flow tests for each child prior to their return to school and these will take place on the following days, in the Sports Hall:

**Please note that if you have signed up for your child to be tested previously, you do not need to again.**

**Following this letter, parents of Year 9 students who are joining from schools other than Seaton Sluice Middle and Whytrig Middle, along with parents of students who have joined us since March 2021, will receive an email asking them to complete a testing consent form**

## **Thursday 2 September**

**9.00 - 11.00am - Year 9 students in school for Covid test & then home.**

Time	Y9 Student Group
9:00 - 9:30	Surnames A to E (inclusive)
9:30 - 10:00	Surnames F to K (inclusive)
10:00 - 10:30	Surnames L to R (inclusive)
10:30 - 11:00	Surnames S to Z (inclusive)



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## **Friday 3 September**

**9.00 - 11.00am - Year 11 students in school for Covid test & then home.**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Y11 Student Group</b>
9:00 - 9:30	Surnames A to E (inclusive)
9:30 - 10:00	Surnames F to K (inclusive)
10:00 - 10:30	Surnames L to R (inclusive)
10:30 - 11:00	Surnames S to Z (inclusive)

**11.30am - 1.30pm - Year 10 students in school for Covid test & then home.**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Y10 Student Group</b>
11:30 - 12:00	Surnames A to E (inclusive)
12:00 - 12:30	Surnames F to K (inclusive)
12:30 - 1:00	Surnames L to R (inclusive)
1:00 - 1:30	Surnames S to Z (inclusive)

**2.00 - 3.30pm - Year 12 & 13 students in school for Covid test & then home.**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Y12 &amp; 13 Student Group</b>
2:00 - 2:45	Surnames A to L (inclusive)
2:45 - 3:30	Surnames M to Z (inclusive)

## **Monday 6 September**

**11.30am - 1.30pm - Year 9 students in school for Covid test & then home.**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Y9 Student Group</b>
11:30 - 12:00	Surnames A to E (inclusive)
12:00 - 12:30	Surnames F to K (inclusive)
12:30 - 1:00	Surnames L to R (inclusive)
1:00 - 1:30	Surnames S to Z (inclusive)

## **Tuesday 7 September**

**9.00 - 11.00am - Year 11 students in school for Covid test & then home.**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Y11 Student Group</b>
9:00 - 9:30	Surnames A to E (inclusive)
9:30 - 10:00	Surnames F to K (inclusive)
10:00 - 10:30	Surnames L to R (inclusive)
10:30 - 11:00	Surnames S to Z (inclusive)

**11.30am - 1.30pm - Year 10 students in school for Covid test & then home.**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Y10 Student Group</b>
11:30 - 12:00	Surnames A to E (inclusive)
12:00 - 12:30	Surnames F to K (inclusive)
12:30 - 1:00	Surnames L to R (inclusive)
1:00 - 1:30	Surnames S to Z (inclusive)

**2.00 - 3.30pm - Year 12 & 13 students in school for Covid test & then home.**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Y12 &amp; 13 Student Group</b>
2:00 - 2:45	Surnames A to L (inclusive)
2:45 - 3:30	Surnames M to Z (inclusive)

Catch-up tests for all other year groups will also take place in this time slot.

## **Arrangements for Tuesday 7 September**

**Only year 9 will be in school all day on this day for lessons.**

**Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 will be in school for Covid tests at their allocated time and will then return home.**

Year 9 students are to meet in the main hall at 8.50am for an introductory assembly. They will then be in form tutor rooms from approximately 9.15 - 11.05am for administration and timetable work with their form tutor. Break will take place from 11.05 - 11.20am and after this, students will start their scheduled timetable of lessons.

## Arrangements for Wednesday 8 September

**All students will return to school on this day at 8.50am.**

Students should go straight to their form room at 8.50am, apart from year 12 & 13 who will have an assembly in the main hall.

All students will be in tutor rooms until break at 11.05am and normal lessons will commence for all students at 11.20am.

### Other key points:

- There will be no bubbles - staff will teach in their own rooms and students will move around.
- All desks and surfaces will be wiped down at the end of every lesson.
- Masks will not be worn. However, if staff or students choose to wear masks in the corridors that is fine.
- All types of lessons are now allowed.
- All other Covid enhanced measures re sanitising, hand washing, cleaning etc. will be kept in place.
- Respiratory hygiene will continue with the “catch it bin it kill it” routine.
- There will be no staggered start or end of the school day.
- There will be no separate entrance & exit gates.
- Assemblies will return for all year groups.
- Extra-curricular activities will be encouraged and promoted.
- Pupils may bring all bags and equipment etc. into school.
- Mobile phones will be allowed to be used at break and lunchtimes in the dining hall only. If used in lessons or corridors, they will be confiscated.
- Year 9 students will use A corridor toilets and years 10 & 11 will use B corridor toilets for the first half term.
- Could I please ask all parents/carers to ensure that all students return to school smart and organised for the year ahead. This includes making sure that students are not in breach of our school's policies on uniform, piercings and hairstyles. I appreciate your support in maintaining our very high standards.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for your incredible support and I hope that we can all get our school back to where we were prior to the first lockdown in March 2020. More information will follow in the first half term in relation to parents' evenings and additional plans to ensure all students are successful after missing so much time in school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. My very best wishes to you all.

Kind regards

Graham Scott  
Head of School