

Dear Parent, Carer and Student

You may be aware of the announcement by Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education, just last week that:

“All secondary school and college students should be offered 2 on-site LFD [Lateral Flow Device] tests at an ATS [Asymptomatic Test Site(=school)], 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the autumn term.”

We have developed a provisional September return plan for all students. Please note this is subject to amendment (if for instance the Covid-19 levels fluctuate and we are given new guidance) so please do check the school website during late August for any changes.

All students will be invited in to school to carry out a LFD test. This will occur in the Lower Gym. Students will carry out the LFD test (similar to what they have been carrying out at home the past few weeks, except for new Y7 pupils) and then return home whilst we process results.

Students should only be at school for 15-20 minutes or so. They would not be required to wear school uniform.

Parents will only be contacted if their child gives a Covid-19 positive result or the test is void (i.e. no news is good news).

Unless they test positive, the day after their first test they should return to school as ‘normal’. Following the sixth form dress code, and for an 8.30 start and 3.20 finish.

The second LFD test (5 days later) will be carried out whilst they are at school and they will come out of a lesson to have the second test.

In order to allow us to carry out nearly 3000 LFD test in just over a week, different year groups will return on different days (a ‘staggered’ start). Unfortunately, this is inevitable with the quantity of students involved.

Y13 Students

Please attend school for your first LFD test on **Thursday afternoon 2nd September**.

(remember you will just perform the test and then return home).

Form	Time to arrive:
A (Aylward)	12.45
B (Bronte)	1.00
F (Faraday)	1.20
L (Lovelace)	1.35
N (Newton)	1.55
P (Pankhurst)	2.10
R (Rutherford)	2.30
S (Scott)	2.45
X (Prefects)	WEDS 1st Sept 3.00pm or THURS 2nd Sept 8.15am

You should then attend school for a first ‘proper’ day on **Friday 3rd September at 8.30**

Our aim is to have students back in lessons as quickly, but as safely, as possible.

Thank you for your patience with this, and we do realise that no solution will suit everyone.

Yours faithfully

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