

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 come to school as ‘normal’. In full uniform, in the drama studio for an 8.35 start and 3.00 finish. Guides will be available from 8.15 onwards at the main gate.

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.

New Y7 Students

Please attend school for your first LFD test on **Wednesday 1st September**.

Parents are very welcome to wait for their child but are not permitted on site at this time. Pupils will be directed to the lower gym from the main gate.

As Y7 have not carried out a Lateral Flow Device Test before you may wish to let your child practise at home during the summer holidays. Staff at school are not allowed to assist the students, merely to give advice and gentle encouragement. The test can be obtained on line or from a pharmacy.

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

Form	Time to arrive:
A (Aylward)	8.45
B (Bronte)	9.05
F (Faraday)	9.35
L (Lovelace)	9.55
N (Newton)	10.25
P (Pankhurst)	10.45
R (Rutherford)	11.15
S (Scott)	11.35

You should then attend school for a first 'proper' day on **Thursday 2nd September at 8.35**

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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