



25th February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Following the most recent guidance around the reopening of schools and mass testing, we have received updated information from the DfE which now allows schools to start testing in advance of Monday 8th March.

We have considered this update, alongside what had previously been shared and feel that it would be prudent to take advantage of this amendment. This will allow:

- Students to commence on site learning much sooner than originally planned - all students will resume normal lessons on the 8th March
- For our examination groups this means they will gain valuable preparation time too
- It will allow us to create capacity and get ahead of the testing programme across the campus
- It will make scheduling 1500 tests three times before 15th March a more realistic proposition
- It will allow greater opportunities for catch up testing

For this reason please ignore the previous schedule shared as we will now be following the schedule below. I apologise for any confusion this may cause, but things are changing rapidly. On the week commencing Mon 1st March students will be tested and return home immediately.

Year Group	Date of testing
Yr 11, 12, 13	Tuesday 2nd March - Non Uniform
Yr 9 & 10	Wednesday 3rd March - Non Uniform
Yr 7 & 8	Thursday 4th March - Non Uniform
Yr 11, 12, 13	Friday 5th March - Non Uniform

Testing Cycle 2 - will take place in school during lesson times

Year Group	Date of testing
Yr 9 & 10	Monday 8th March - School Uniform
Yr 7 & 8	Tuesday 9th March - School Uniform
Yr 11, 12, 13	Wednesday 10th March - School Uniform
Yr 9 & 10	Thursday 11th March - School Uniform
Yr 7 & 8	Friday 12th March - School Uniform

It is critical given the very tight timetable that we have consent prior to testing, this can be given using the form below.

If your child is under 16, parental consent is required, so please complete the consent form below by FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY at the latest:

[Consent Form](#)

If your child has previously tested positive for COVID-19 with a PCR test they should not be tested as part of this process for 90 days from the date of the positive result.

You and your child will shortly receive an email from our admin team that clarifies the time and date that your child will be expected on site to visit the testing area. This communication will provide clear steps on what to do when on site.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff and also our community volunteers for rising to such a significant challenge in such a short period of time; they are truly wonderful people and I am extremely grateful for what they will be doing at this time.

We have now also had some greater clarity surrounding examinations and we will communicate more around our plans shortly.

Thank you in advance of your support for this process and should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully



Will Teece
Headteacher