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Dear Parents and Carers,

Start of Term Arrangements

The Department for Education has recently updated its guidance with regard to arrangements for January 2021 and the start of the Spring Term.

As students will potentially mix with lots of other people during the Christmas holiday, guidance states that all secondary school students should receive an on-site lateral flow device test on their return in the Spring term. This will mirror the process we successfully implemented in March and September 2021. Some important points to note:

- If you have already given prior consent for LFD testing (your child participates in the home testing process) then you **do not** need to provide consent again.
- Students over the age of 16 at the time of this testing can give their own consent
- If you have not given consent, but you wish to opt your child into LFD testing, please use the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/TBLkWUQRDQ>
- The expectation of home testing twice a week will continue through the Spring term for staff and students. The Academy will continue to supply home tests.

In order to facilitate the testing of students we will be staggering the return to school for different year groups. By Monday 10th January, all students in all year groups will be in timetabled lessons.

Testing days:

		Students to be tested
Tuesday 4th January	10.30 am	Year 11 – Surnames A to C
	11.30 am	Year 11 - Surnames D to G
	12.30 am	Year 11 – Surnames H to L
	1.30 pm	Year 11 – Surnames M to Z
	2.30 pm	Year 13
Wednesday 5th January	8.30 am	Year 7 – Surnames A to F
	9.30 am	Year 7 - Surnames G to P
	10.30 am	Year 7 – Surnames Q to Z
	1.00 pm	ELD – Surnames A to D
	2.00 pm	ELD – Surnames E to J
	3.00 pm	ELD – Surnames L to Z
Thursday 6th January	9.30 – 11.30am	Year 12
	12.30 pm	Year 8 – Surnames A to F
	1.30 pm	Year 8 - Surnames G to P
	2.30 pm	Year 8 – Surnames Q to Z
Friday 7th January	8.30 am	Year 9 – Surnames A to F
	9.45 am	Year 9 - Surnames G to P
	10.45 am	Year 9 – Surnames Q to Z
	8.45 am	Year 10 – Surnames A to F
	9.45 am	Year 10 - Surnames G to P
	12.45 pm	Year 10 – Surnames Q to Z

Testing arrangements

- Students do not have to wear uniform whilst being tested
- Year 7 students may be accompanied by a parent or carer in the testing area
- Students should enter the site from the Ripon Road entrance at the Greenwood Road Campus (map included). Testing will be taking place in the Performing Arts Centre (PAC)
- Students will have their test and then **return straight home**. We expect this process to take no longer than 30 minutes, though slight delays may occur. **Students will not be admitted into school at this point.**
- Staff operating the service will be on hand to guide the students at each step. Testing will take place in individual booths with the flow of students into and out of the area closely controlled. Students will not be able to see each other and trained staff will be supervising the swabbing process.
- You will receive the result of the LFD test by NHS message via the contact details used when consent was given.
- Students will start timetabled lessons in line with the return to school schedule below.

Students will return to school to commence their full timetable on the following days:

Wednesday 5th January	Year 11 All Year 11 students to return
	Year 13 All Year 13 students to return
Thursday 6th January	Year 7 All Year 7 students to return
	ELD Students to return
Friday 7th January	Year 12 All Year 12 students to return
	Year 8 All Year 8 students to return
Monday 10th January	Year 9 All Year 9 students to return
	Year 10 All year 10 students to return

Once we have completed two tests for all students who have consented, we will begin providing home testing kits for your child.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we hope that you have a relaxing break.

Yours Sincerely,

Harry French
Principal.

Location of Testing Facility

Enter Site here. Testing will take place in the Performing Arts Centre.



