

21 July 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

I would like to share with you our plans for the reopening of the academy in September. I am sure that you will have seen in the news that students are asked to take two Covid-19 Lateral Flow Tests as part of their return to education.

I want our students to be in lessons as soon as possible with as little disruption as possible and therefore we are going to re-open our testing centre in the academy sports hall on **Thursday 2nd September** between **8AM and 4PM** and would like all students to come at some point on this day to be tested. This will be a volunteer-run centre made up of many of our staff but also community volunteers. Once students have received a negative test result they are able to go straight into their lessons. The second test will then be conducted on the first few days in the following week.

The testing centre **will not** be open on **Friday 3rd September** as our staff will be involved in training and preparation ready for the new term.

We will be operating a staggered return to education for our students. Each year group should return as indicated below:

| Year group | Start date and time | Notes |
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| 7 | Monday 6th September - 08:15 | Students can access the academy from 08:00 to have a first or second Lateral Flow Test. |
| 8 | Tuesday 7th September - 08:15 | These students should have their first or second Lateral Flow Test from 12PM on Monday 6th September . (They do not need to be in uniform for this test and will go home afterwards) |
| 9 | Tuesday 7th September - 08:15 | |
| 10 | Tuesday 7th September - 08:15 | |
| 11 | Monday 6th September - 10:25 | Students will have a first or second Lateral Flow Test before starting lessons. |
| Post-16 | Monday 6th September - 10:25 | Students will have a first or second Lateral Flow Test before starting lessons. |



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All of our students should return to the academy through the traditional student entrance next to the academy car park. The entrances on Acres View Close are no longer going to be used.

I would like to remind all students, parents and their carers that our academy opens at 08:00 and students can obtain breakfast in our dining hall. All students should be in their classroom and ready to learn at 08:15 so that lessons can start promptly and no learning time is lost.

I wish you all a restful break and trust that you will relax with loved ones and enjoy the opportunity to spend quality time with each other.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Southern
Head of School