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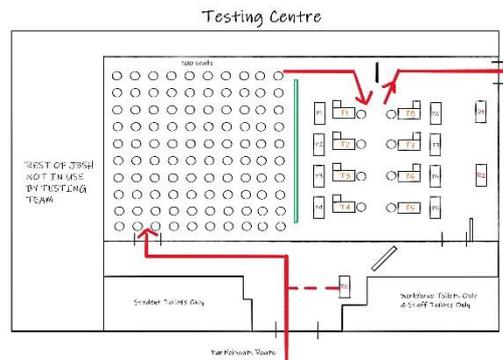
Dear Parent / Carer

## RE: Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing

I hope you have all managed to have a good summer and enjoyed time with your children, as they have taken a break from face-to-face education. As promised in July, this letter is a reminder of our arrangements for testing, including return times and dates for year groups and students.

### Testing

Each student, for whom we have consent, will be tested twice, 3-5 days apart on their return. The tests will be conducted in the sports hall, as indicated in the image below. Students will wait in the theatre for their results, which will take about 30 minutes. Students who have a negative result will go to their lessons, whereas anyone with a positive result will be isolated from their peers. Parents / carers will then be contacted to collect them. **Please can parents / carers make sure that students have a book to read whilst they are waiting for their test result.**



On arrival, there will be a signing in desk situated near the sports hall. If any student is unsure about their consent permissions, they should proceed to this location where they will receive further instruction and direction. **Parents / carers should note that attendance in College is compulsory.**

Students whose parents / carers have not given consent should attend College on the morning of the day that their year group is requested to return.

If your child(ren) have tested positive in the last 90-days (4 June – 2 September) for Covid-19, then they will not be tested as this may give a false positive reading. Therefore, if this is applicable, we would ask that you fill in the following short form to communicate this with us: [90 day form](#)

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**Staggered return: rota for students' first day back in college**

Our test centre can process up to 100 tests per hour. Students will be able to access the College building after their first negative test result. As previously communicated, this means that we must phase the students return back into College, as shown in the table below. This rota will then be repeated, but all students will be in College at that stage.

**The following applies for students' first day back in College only.** Student should attend as normal after this time.

Date	Periods 1-2	Periods 3-4	Periods 5-6
<b>Friday 3 September</b>	Year 12 & Year 7		
<b>Monday 6 September</b>	Year 11	Years 13 & 8	Year 8
<b>Tuesday 7 September</b>	Year 9	Years 9 & 10	Year 10

We also want to make sure that students are not waiting outside the College building to be tested. Consequently, we will ask that students arrive in College as indicated in the table below, according to alphabetical order by surname for their first day.

Arrival time (Friday times differ)	Friday 3 September	Arrival Time	Monday 6 September	Tuesday 7 September
8.30am	Year 7 <b>(all)</b> & Year 12 <b>(all)</b>	8.30am	Year 11 <b>(surname A-J)</b>	Year 9 <b>(surname A-G)</b>
Period 2 (9.30am)		Period 2 (9.50am)	Year 11 <b>(surname K-Z)</b>	Year 9 <b>(surname H-R)</b>
Period 3 (10.50 am)		Period 3 (11.10 am)	Year 13 <b>(all)</b>	Year 9 <b>(surname S-Z)</b>
Period 4 (11.50pm)		Period 4 (12.10pm)	Year 8 <b>(surname A-G)</b>	Year 10 <b>(surname A-K)</b>
		Period 5 (1.40pm)	Year 8 <b>(surname H-R)</b>	Year 10 <b>(surname L-Z)</b>
		Period 6 (2.45pm)	Year 8 <b>(surname S-Z)</b>	

I appreciate that staggering students' return to College may cause transport issues for some students. I apologise for any inconvenience this causes but feel this is unavoidable if we are to get students back into College quickly. Students are not permitted to enter the building until they have a negative test. This means that if whole year groups arrived together, they would have to wait outside, potentially in poor weather, for hours to be tested. The above is a compromise situation which means that students do not have to wait for extensive periods, and we can have all students learning face-to-face very quickly.

If your child is unable to arrive at College at the above time, please contact your child's Pastoral Leader and we will try to accommodate any request for changes. I must ask that any changes from the rota are the exception rather than the norm, as we will not be able to manage if more than a very small number request to come in at the start of the day. The above arrangements are for students' first day back at College. They should arrive as normal on Local Authority and public buses for the start of the College day after their first negative test.

If your child is in year 7, they should make their way up to the main building where they will be directed by members of staff and receive further instructions.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support in this matter and I look forward to seeing all students return within the next week.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Lloyd', written in a cursive style.

Phillip Lloyd  
Vice Principal