



22 July 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing

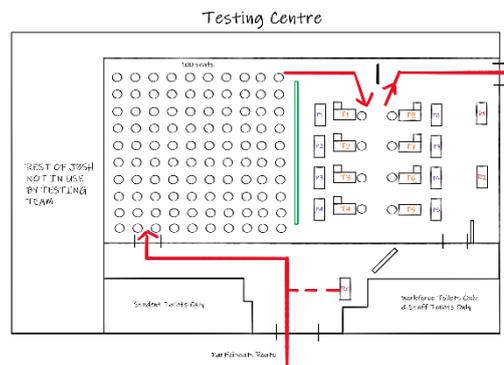
Further to the letter dated, 9 July 2021, where we informed you of our staggered start approach to the new academic year, I can now confirm the following.

Consent

Thank you to all of those of you who have updated consent levels in Arbor. Since this communication went out, we have been informed that the existing levels of consent can be carried over from this year. Therefore, if you have not been able to update consent in Arbor yet, we will assume that your level of consent given previously still stands. Please ensure you inform your child whether or not you have given consent for them to be tested. If you are unable to change the level of consent in Arbor, then please make contact with your child(ren)'s Pastoral Leader.

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. The layout is similar, but slightly different, to 8 March when we welcomed all students back to face-to-face education. Students will then 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.

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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](#)

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

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.

This letter will be resent on Thursday 2 September 2021 as a reminder to all regarding our arrangements for testing and returning to College.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a restful summer break and look forward to seeing all students return in September.

Yours sincerely

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

Phillip Lloyd
Vice Principal