



Covid Testing and Curriculum Delivery

25 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Lateral flow devices for students for home testing

Thank you for completing home Covid-19 testing with your children using the LFD tests. On Friday 26 March, students will be issued with their next box of tests, which will enable testing to continue throughout the Easter holidays, with the final test being completed on Sunday 18 April 2021 in readiness for the return to school.

Reporting results

As noted in my previous letter, the government ask that schools collect the outcomes of these tests, in addition to reporting the outcome to NHS Test and Trace. As a reminder, here are the links:

- Report to NHS Test and Trace at: [Click Here](#)
- Report to school using the following link: [Click Here](#)

Curriculum Delivery

From Monday 29 March, we will be providing students with the opportunity to begin to have more of their lessons taught in specialist teaching areas. The 'bubble' arrangements for students will be maintained, observing different entrances and exits to the school site, a staggered end to the school day and social times together in year group bubbles. Students will have these changes explained to them in their tutor time on Friday 26 and Monday 29 March 2021 via a video presentation.

The reason for this change is to ensure that our students can now experience the curriculum offer in specialist teaching spaces that are equipped to make learning engaging and exciting. Many students are yet to experience practical learning activities such as science experiments, making in resistant materials or food technology, or benefit from the specialist resources, housed in our faculty areas. We want our students to make great progress now that they are back at school, and this change will support their learning and enjoyment of the curriculum each day.

Now that we have an indoor mask wearing policy, weekly LFD testing, low cases of the virus in our communities and a vaccination programme working well, this is the right time to provide some further normality for our students. Other additional risk mitigation measures that will be introduced will be the cleaning of tables and equipment each lesson in all teaching areas. Cleaning of all rooms before and after school will continue as normal. Any shared equipment will be sanitised. You will be aware that each classroom already has a hand-sanitising unit at the door, with hand sanitising routines in place.

We are very much looking forward to these changes. We have decided to launch the change prior to the Easter break in order to carefully observe and monitor the impact of this change, and if necessary amend in readiness for the new term after Easter, which begins on Monday 19 April 2021.

Thank you for all your support in encouraging your child to attend school regularly and punctually after the most recent lock down period. As our routines for high quality teaching, curriculum enrichment, strong pastoral care and good student behaviour become the norm again, we look forward with great optimism to the coming months.

Wishing you all the very best.

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