

Dear Parent or Carer,

Following the new guidance announced by the Department for Education (DfE) last week, we will be re-introducing in school mass testing when pupils return to school in September, in a similar way to when we returned in March.

The new guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

As pupils will potentially mix with lots of other people during the summer holidays, the advice is that all secondary school pupils should receive two on-site lateral flow device tests, three to five days apart, on their return in the autumn term.

Schools must consider how to limit interaction between pupils while they wait for their first test and can stagger the return of pupils across the first week to manage this.

Phased return – September 2021

The phased return of pupils in September 2021 will be managed as follows:

Wednesday 1 st September	School holiday
Thursday 2 nd September	PD Day
Friday 3 rd September	PD Day
Monday 6 th September	PD Day (staff only)
Tuesday 7 th September	Pupils in years 7 and 11 return to school at 08:45 for testing and return to normal school day.
Wednesday 8 th September	Pupils in years 8 and 10 return to school at 08:45 for testing and return to normal school day.
Thursday 9 th September	Pupils in year 9 return to school at 08:45 for testing and return to normal school day.

Pupils should aim to arrive at school for approximately 08:35, to allow time to walk to the testing centre or their form room. Breakfast club will be available from 08.15 (please book your child into breakfast club in advance). School staff will greet pupils from 08:35 and direct them to the appropriate place.

A staggered start to the new academic year is not ideal considering how much time has already been lost during the last two years. However, as part of our recovery plan we have added an extra 2.5 hours per week for extra-curricular activities and catch-up sessions.

Please find attached our term dates for 2021-22 for information.

Despite a less than ideal start to the new academic year, we are delighted to be returning to our more normal ways of working and, with the changes we have made through our recovery plan, we are sure that 2021-22 is going to be an exciting year for our young people.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Worth
Headteacher

September 2021						
M			6	13	20	27
T			7	14	21	28
W		1	8	15	22	29
Th		2	9	16	23	30
F		3	10	17	24	
S		4	11	18	25	
Su		5	12	19	26	

October 2021						
M		4	11	18	25	
T		5	12	19	26	
W		6	13	20	27	
Th		7	14	21	28	
F	1	8	15	22	29	
S	2	9	16	23	30	
Su	3	10	17	24	31	

November 2021						
M	1	8	15	22	29	
T	2	9	16	23	30	
W	3	10	17	24		
Th	4	11	18	25		
F	5	12	19	26		
S	6	13	20	27		
Su	7	14	21	28		

December 2021						
M		6	13	20	27	
T		7	14	21	28	
W	1	8	15	22	29	
Th	2	9	16	23	30	
F	3	10	17	24	31	
S	4	11	18	25		
Su	5	12	19	26		

January 2022						
M		3	10	17	24	31
T		4	11	18	25	
W		5	12	19	26	
Th		6	13	20	27	
F		7	14	21	28	
S	1	8	15	22	29	
Su	2	9	16	23	30	

February 2022						
M		7	14	21	28	
T	1	8	15	22		
W	2	9	16	23		
Th	3	10	17	24		
F	4	11	18	25		
S	5	12	19	26		
Su	6	13	20	27		

March 2022						
M		7	14	21	28	
T	1	8	15	22	29	
W	2	9	16	23	30	
Th	3	10	17	24	31	
F	4	11	18	25		
S	5	12	19	26		
Su	6	13	20	27		

April 2022						
M		4	11	18	25	
T		5	12	19	26	
W		6	13	20	27	
Th		7	14	21	28	
F	1	8	15	22	29	
S	2	9	16	23	30	
Su	3	10	17	24		

May 2022						
M		2	9	16	23	30
T		3	10	17	24	31
W		4	11	18	25	
Th		5	12	19	26	
F		6	13	20	27	
S		7	14	21	28	
Su	1	8	15	22	29	

June 2022						
M		6	13	20	27	
T		7	14	21	28	
W	1	8	15	22	29	
Th	2	9	16	23	30	
F	3	10	17	24		
S	4	11	18	25		
Su	5	12	19	26		

July 2022						
M		4	11	18	25	
T		5	12	19	26	
W		6	13	20	27	
Th		7	14	21	28	
F	1	8	15	22	29	
S	2	9	16	23	30	
Su	3	10	17	24	31	

August 2022						
M	1	8	15	22	29	
T	2	9	16	23	30	
W	3	10	17	24	31	
Th	4	11	18	25		
F	5	12	19	26		
S	6	13	20	27		
Su	7	14	21	28		

	School Holiday	58
	PD Day	3
	Twilight Day	2
	School Day	190
	Bank Holiday	8