



Principal: Helen Corbett

Summer and autumn testing arrangements

Dear Parent,

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme. Please continue to encourage your child to test twice weekly at home and report the results until the end of the summer term.

The asymptomatic home testing programme is being paused for students in secondary schools and colleges over the summer holidays. However, if you or your child wish to access rapid lateral flow testing, you can continue to do so by ordering LFD test kits from GOV.UK or by collecting kits from your local pharmacy.

Testing will restart when students return in the autumn. In line with government guidance, we will be implementing a phased return for students in order to support an on-site testing programme. As part of this programme, all students will be encouraged to take 2 tests at our on-site testing centre and can return to face to face lessons following their first negative result. Please read the attached overview outlining test appointment times and the date each year group will return to lessons. The table below also outlines appointment times for each form in Year 10.

Appointment Times

Form	Test 1	Test 2 (period)
	Friday 3rd September	Wednesday 8th September
10EJS	9.15am	Period 1 (1 st half)
10JME	9.15am	Period 1 (1 st half)
10BWE	9.45am	Period 1 (2 nd half)
10SCN (was SCU)	9.45am	Period 1 (2 nd half)
10JTE	10.15am	Period 2 (1 st half)
10CML	10.15am	Period 2 (1 st half)
10JCN (was RCA)	10.45am	Period 2 (2 nd half)
10MKL	10.45am	Period 2 (2 nd half)
10WHL	11.45am	Period 3 (1 st half)
10GSW	11.45am	Period 3 (1 st half)

Testing arrangements

Below is a step by step guide for how our testing process will operate. Our testing centre will be based in the gym on upper site. It is important to arrive punctually for each test to ensure social distancing and a controlled flow of students moving through the testing centre at all times.

1. Students arrive at upper site at their designated time and line up in their forms at the side of the sports hall. A member of staff will be on hand to show students where to line up.
2. Students will be asked to enter the testing centre via the rear fire doors and directed to a registration desk where they will be registered by a member of staff.

3. Once they have registered they will be asked to enter the gym and guided towards a testing booth.
4. At the testing booth a trained member of staff will provide guidance and support to students as they go through the self-swabbing process.
5. Once they have completed the self-swab, students will be free to go home after test 1 or return to lessons after test 2.

Consent

If you are happy for your child to be tested, please complete the Google consent form on the link below.

<https://forms.gle/pqehda9CZne5Yk9A7>

You will need to complete a separate form for each child. We will be unable to test your child if this form has not been completed. **The consent form will still need to be completed even if you have provided consent for previous onsite testing.** Attached to this letter is a privacy notice outlining how personal data will be used.

Test Results

Test results will be sent to the email address and mobile number provided on the consent form. If the test is negative, students will be able to return to school on their year group's designated return day after the first test or continue in lessons as normal following test 2. In the event of a positive result, the school will contact you and your child will need to take a confirmatory PCR and self-isolate for 10 days (unless the PCR comes back as negative).

1st Test

For the first appointment, your child will only be in school to take the test. Provided the test is negative, they will be able to return to school on their designated day with the rest of their year group. Your child does not need to be in school uniform for their first test.

Social Distancing Measures

Face masks will be optional. The testing centre has been designed to ensure students are 2 metres apart at all times. Appointment times have been allocated to ensure a safe number of students are in the centre at any time. If your child is worried about taking a test, please reassure them that whilst they may feel some discomfort, it does not cause any pain and only takes a few seconds. In addition, members of staff will be on hand to provide support and reassurance.

We will support our pupils throughout, but please contact us if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,



Jonathan Dakers
Assistant Principal