



23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

## Re: Lateral flow testing for Year 8 students prior to full return to school

Following yesterday's announcement by Boris Johnson, Year 8 students will be returning to school on Tuesday, 9th March. To prepare for this, and in accordance with our risk assessment, students will need to come to school in the previous week in order for us to carry the first of the three lateral flow tests which are being advised by the Government. The second test will be carried out on their return to school, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. **Please read carefully the guidance about their staggered test arrival times on the Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, in the table overleaf.** The third test will be carried out later in the first or second week of their return to school.

### Safety measures

We understand some families might be anxious about sending students into school. To ensure everyone's safety, we are putting the following measures in place:

- Students will need to have two Covid lateral flow tests, supervised by our trained staff team, before returning to on site lessons. The first test needs to be completed on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and the second test on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March **before** they begin their lessons in school. For this reason, there will be a staggered start for the year group on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. **Please see below details of the individual arrival time for your child.**
- Results are available 30 minutes after the test, and any student who tests positive will be advised immediately by text and email. Negative tests will be sent within a couple of days. If you do not receive a message within an hour of taking the test, then the result is negative. School staff are also being tested regularly as per government guidance.
- As part of the process, students will be required to sanitise their hands at regular intervals and will always wear their face masks.
- Students will always be supervised while on the school site to ensure social distancing and mask wearing is adhered to.
- Students need to be dropped off and picked up as close to the times specified as possible; parents/carers are welcome to wait in cars on School Lane.

**Please rest assured that any student who does not follow the safety measures above will be asked to leave the school site immediately.**

## Covid lateral flow tests

To help us with the smooth processing of the lateral flow tests, please complete the consent form, as soon as possible, found at this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=tPOEt4qAmUmw7Di0ggtvSripE-J8SeVEqDZaTd0xn9BUMFIJQkw1UTU2VTZLVUFFOFkzRjNKNuXCVS4u>

Please also see attached privacy notice.

**On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, students will be tested at the following times:

Students should arrive just before their specified time and go straight to the Sports Hall, entering via the PE doors from the car park and queuing on the socially distanced circles on the floor. Once the test is completed, they should return immediately to their car. We will be in contact with any students who tests positive within the next hour via text. If you do not hear from us within this time, please assume the test result was negative.

Surnames beginning	Time
A – Be	12.30pm
Bl – Cl	12.45pm
Co – F	1pm
G – Hi	1.15pm
Ho – Jo	1.30pm
Ju – M	1.45pm
N – R	2pm
S - Te	2.15pm
Th – W	2.30pm

**On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**, students will be tested at the following times:

Students should arrive just before their specified time and go straight to the Sports Hall, entering via the PE doors from the car park and queuing on the socially distanced circles on the floor. You should not wait for them. Once the test is completed, they will be guided to a waiting area for a maximum of 45 minutes. We will be in contact with any students and their parents who tests positive during this time and you will be asked to collect the student from

school. If you do not hear from us within this time, the test was negative and the student will have proceeded to their appropriate lesson and finish school at the normal time.

Surnames beginning	Time
A – Be	8.30am
Bl – Cl	8.45am
Co – F	9am
G – Hi	9.15am
Ho – Jo	9.30am
Ju – M	9.45am
N – R	10am
S - Te	10.15am
Th – W	10.30am

We look forward to seeing your son or daughter in school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact by emailing [office@waddesdonschool.com](mailto:office@waddesdonschool.com), directing your message to Mrs Julie Nicholas, our Business Manager who is overseeing this process.

Yours sincerely,

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