



ROCKWOOD
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Dear Parent and Carers

Re: Return to school

We look forward to welcoming students in September and will continue to work hard to ensure the Academy is a safe place for all those attending. This is possible as a result of the dedicated hard work of staff and the excellent support we continue to have from students and their families.

You will be aware that we have been instructed by the Department for Education and the NHS to undertake Lateral Flow Testing for those without coronavirus symptoms (Asymptomatic Testing) before, or on their arrival in September.

We believe that alongside the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and students remain safe in school. We strongly encourage and advocate participation in onsite testing, in conjunction with continued testing at home. The Lateral Flow Tests are quick and easy, using a swab of the nose. Students will do this themselves, and our trained and supportive staff will oversee the process and provide guidance; a process which they are very used to now.

Participation in testing is voluntary and consent must be given by using the form below. Anyone under 16 must have parental consent, but those aged 16 and over can give their own consent. Please fill in the consent form by selecting the link here> <https://forms.office.com/r/knMeN7N7yF>

This does mean that students will have a staggered start date for their return in September – the testing and re-start schedule is overleaf.

All students will start school on the date listed overleaf at the time stated, unless they have tested positive for COVID-19, have symptoms or are under quarantine. If your child is unable to attend school, please contact us on 0121 566 6500.

What happens if my son/daughter tests positive when tested at the Academy?

If your child tests positive, we will notify you. Your child will need to self-isolate in line with national guidance and book a PCR test to confirm if they have COVID-19. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, your child should continue to self-isolate.

What if my son/daughter is confirmed to be suffering from Covid-19 before returning to the Academy?

If your child is confirmed to be COVID-19 positive, please notify the school and ensure that they complete their 10 day period of self-isolation.

Can I have additional self-tests to complete at home after Friday 10th September?

All students will be issued with home testing kits to enable them to test themselves twice per week.

Yours sincerely,


Mr G Williams
Senior Headteacher

Testing Schedule for Student Lateral Flow Tests / Year Group Start Dates

Students will need to arrive to school at their allotted times. Testing will take approx one hour.

Friday 3 September 2021 - Year 7 (test 1) 9:30 am

Monday 6 September 2021 – Year 7 commence full time school 8:35 am

Monday 6 September 2021 - Year 11 (test 1) 8:35 am

Monday 6 September 2021 – Year 8 (test 1) 1:30 pm

Tuesday 7 September 2021 – Year 8 & Year 11 commence full time school 8:35 am

Tuesday 7 September 2021 – Year 7 (test 2) 8:35 am

Tuesday 7 September 2021 - Year 9 (test 1) 1:30 pm

Wednesday 8 September 2021 – Year 9 commence full time school 8:35 am

Wednesday 8 September 2021 – Year 10 (test 1) 1:30 pm

Thursday 9 September 2021 – Year 10 commence full time school 8:35 am

Thursday 9 September 2021 – Year 11 (test 2) 8:35 am

Thursday 9 September 2021 – Year 8 (test 2) 1:30 pm

Friday 10 September 2021 – Year 9 (test 2) 8:35 am