

17th August 2021

Dear parents and carers

We hope that you have been enjoying the holiday so far. We want to give you as much notice as possible about the plans for our September re-opening. You may be aware that the government has asked schools to conduct on site LFD testing upon students return. Testing on return is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. Identifying positive cases on return in the autumn is very important. Testing on site on return will also give new students the opportunity to get used to swabbing in a supervised environment before moving to twice weekly testing at home. We have taken advantage of being able to start our testing earlier with an ambitious testing schedule to allow a speedier return for all students.

A schedule of testing will commence from Friday 3rd September. All consenting students will have one LFD test prior to returning, the second test will be carried out during the normal school day, please see the table overleaf.

If you have previously consented there is no requirement for you to re-give consent. We will require consent if you are new to the academy (Year 7 and Year 12). For students in Years 8-11 & Year 13 we will contact you directly if you have not previously completed the form. Please use the following link <https://forms.gle/A9aoxMjHofDD6uBs9> this will take you to a form where you have the option to consent or decline. We require one form per student that attends the academy. We will continue to register students with NHS Test & Trace and the results will be shared directly with the person named on the consent form. We cannot stress enough to all our parents/carers that if we are to maintain the safety of our academy community that consenting to your child taking part in the LFD testing is vital.

If a student tests positive on an on-site lateral flow device test, they will be informed immediately by the academy, and will need to book a 'PCR test' to confirm the result (as soon as possible, ideally on the same day). They should isolate immediately and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace. **Please note** that school-led 'Test & Trace' has been replaced with NHS Test and Trace who will identify close contacts.

Phased Return & Testing

The academy will have testing sites on all three campuses. You can book the first LFD test as detailed below.

How to book your test

- Use the following link, <https://deferrers.schoolcloud.co.uk/> which will take you to a sign in-screen
- Enter your first name, surname and your email address
- Enter students first name, surname and date of birth
- After you have signed in, select 'Manual' then select all available test bays as this will give you the greatest choice of available appointment times
- Please book ONE appointment from the available time slots.

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You will have been allocated a day in line with the schedule below. Each appointment lasts approximately 10 minutes. We would ask that you arrive at your allotted time to avoid having to wait. The system will go live on the morning of Wednesday 25th August.

First LFD Test

Date	Dove Testing Site	Trent Testing Site	SFC Testing Site
	If driving, once on site turn left at the mini roundabout and park by the yard. Students enter via the yard, following the testing signs.	If driving, once on site, park in any available space at the front of the building. Students enter via the right-hand doors, following the testing signs.	If driving, please be advised there will be no on-site parking. Students enter via the front reception, following the testing signs.
Friday 3 rd Sept		Yr 11	
Monday 6 th Sept	Yr 7	Yr 10	Yr 12
Tuesday 7 th Sept	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 13

Students only will be allowed in the building.

Students do not need to wear their academy uniform but should wear their lanyard and ID card with the exception of Year 7 students and Year 12 students joining from different schools who do not have an ID card.

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose only.

Upon receiving a negative result, students can return to the academy **the following day (8:55am start)**.

	First day of teaching		
Mon 6 th Sept	Yr 11		
Tue 7 th Sept	Yr 7*	Yr 10	Yr 12
Wed 8 th Sept	Yr 8*	Yr 9	Yr 13

*Year 7 and 8 students should enter and leave Dove campus via the entrances on Rolleston Road, Bank Walk or Tutbury Road. Students will not be able to enter via the main gate on Harehedge Lane.

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The second test will be completed when your child has returned to school from Wednesday 8th September. We will be sending home packs for home testing during this week.

If your child develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

If your child tests positive please inform the academy immediately using the email covidpositivecase@deferrers.com and provide the following information:

Name

Tutor Group

Date of test

Date of first symptoms

Siblings at the academy

Best contact details

Thank you for supporting us and we look forward to seeing our students return to the academy.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K D Hardy
Principal



Mrs A A Bickle
Senior Vice Principal

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