

12th August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

September Asymptomatic Testing Update

The government's guidance still remains that;

“As pupils will potentially mix with lots of other people during the summer holidays, all secondary school pupils should receive 2 on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the autumn term” and that settings

“Can stagger return of pupils across the first week to manage this.”

You can read the full operation guidance for schools at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance>

Following on from the Headteacher's communication at the end of the summer term, we can enclose details of the date of your child's first lateral flow test before returning to school in September for the Autumn Term.

Following their first test, your child will return to school the next morning.

To ensure that all students are able to be tested before their return to school, there will be a staggered start to the school year, in line with Government recommendations; we have kept this to a minimum.

Students' first test and return to school dates are listed below. The second test will take place when they are in school, during the normal school day.

	First test dates:	First day of school:
Year 7:	Thursday 2 nd September (12:00 – 3:00pm)	Friday 3 rd September
Year 8:	Monday 6 th September (12:00 – 3:00pm)	Tuesday 7 th September
Year 9:	Tuesday 7 th September (12:00 – 3:00pm)	Wednesday 8 th September
Year 10:	Friday 3 rd September (12:00 – 3:00pm)	Monday 6 th September
Year 11:	Friday 3 rd September (9:00am - 11:00am)	Monday 6 th September
Sixth Form:	Wednesday 1 st September (12:00 – 3:00pm)	Thursday 2 nd September

Most parents will have already given consent (or non-consent) for school-based lateral flow tests. However if you would like to change your consent (or have not previously completed a consent form), please follow the link below. **Please ensure that consent forms are submitted by Thursday 19th August** so that appointment times can be generated.

Tests will be carried out at the Shoeburyness Youth Centre on Delaware Road with school staff available to provide supervision and support; you will receive more information and a specific appointment time for the first test towards the end of August.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=S0wziZzmbUC_H719FZZMVjhyRV04ZeBFoJVgB68V9LxUM1dSM1IET0pJMTNCMzVKSVhLU0Q0V0FHUC4u

Regards,

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