

July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Lateral Flow Testing**

As I am sure you are aware, we have been tasked with completing mass testing for asymptomatic cases of Covid-19 in students at the beginning of the new school year. If we have your consent from before, we do not need to seek it again to continue testing your child at school. If you wish to withdraw your consent, you must inform us so we can update our records before we re-open in September. You can let us know via the [info@delacyacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@delacyacademy.org.uk) email address.

**We will be testing all students who want to participate from week commencing 06<sup>th</sup> September 2021.** We will be operating a staggered return during this week to enable us to carry out testing within year group bubbles.

All students will be offered 2 onsite tests spaced 3-5 days apart on their return. See below. Once students have been tested twice at school, they will be provided with home tests for regular testing. Instructions are provided with the home testing kits.

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The new 'orient gene' tests are quick and easy using a swab of your nose only. There is no throat swabbing involved in the latest tests.

**Plan for a staggered start for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.**

	<b>Monday 6th Sept</b>
8:00-9:00	St Botolph's (Y7)
9:00-10:00	Simpson's Lane (Y7)
10:00-11:00	England Lane (Y7)
11:00-11:30	Willow Green (Y7)
11:30-12:00	The Vale (Y7)
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-13:30	Others (Y7)
13:30-14:30	Y11 Surname A-L
14:30-15:30	Y11 Surname M-Z

**Plan for a staggered start from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

	Time	Tuesday	Wednesday
Period 1	8.30 - 9.30	Y8 Test 1 Surname (A-G)	Year 9 Test 1 surname (A-G)
Period 2	9.30 - 10.30	Y8 Test 1 Surname (H-P)	Year 9 Test 1 Surname (H-P)
Break	10.30 - 11.00		
Period 3	11.00 - 12.00	Y8 Test 1 Surname (Q-Z)	Year 9 Test 1 Surname (Q-Z)
Period 4a	12.00 - 12.30	Lunch	Lunch
Period 4b	12.30 - 1.00	Y10 Test 1 Surname (A-G)	
Period 4c	1.00 - 1.30		
Period 5	1.30 - 2.30		Y10 Test 1 Surname (H -P)
Period 6	2.30 - 3.30	Y10 Test 1 Surname (Q - Z)	

- Students will return in surname order so we can maintain social distancing whilst testing.
- New Y7s and Y11 tested on Mon 6<sup>th</sup> do not need to be in uniform and they will leave the site immediately after being tested.
- Y8 and Y10 students tested on the 7<sup>th</sup> Sept do not need to be in uniform and will also leave the site once tested. Their first day back is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.
- Y9s will be tested on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – again in non-uniform and then go straight home. Their first full day back will be Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September.
- The second test will happen during the school day and students will be removed from lessons to take the test.

**Testing will take place in the boys’ gym as before. Please use the side gate near the small car park for quick access to the gym. Parents can wait in the car park for their children but must not accompany them onto the school site.**

Please check your testing times carefully and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours faithfully,

*C Pritchard*

**Mr. C Pritchard  
Vice Principal**