

Dear Parent / Carer

I wrote to you earlier today to advise that we would be having a staggered start to the beginning of the new term and informed you that I would be writing again with further information. Please see at the bottom of this letter which provides details about the times the students should arrive in school for their testing.

We will be using Lateral Flow Tests, which give a result in 15-20 minutes.

Students do not need to wear uniform for their testing as they will return home afterwards. Correct uniform should be worn for lessons, as should face coverings (unless your child is face-covering exempt).

We will only be able to test students for whom we have an up-to-date consent, therefore we would urge you to complete the form by following the link below. A printable version is also attached to this email if you are not able to do the form online.

Thank you to all the parents who have already completed the form.

Please note that this must be completed before your child attends for their test. Post-16 students can complete the forms on their own behalf.

[Consent for COVID testing](#)

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nowK81Jo8E2Ms5kmm08dZpVPpb-CAkiOmI9G20iXwldUNFRLMEQxSU9MS1IzMU44UUxOWEZNM1JKTi4u>

Participation is highly recommended, though is voluntary. If you do not wish your child to participate, then there is no action required and your child should attend school on the day that their lessons start.

With regard to lessons, remote learning will be provided for students who are not in school. This will be available from **Thursday 6th January 2022**. Please follow the [link](#) below to access the resources. Please note that this will not be 'live' teaching, and we do understand that students who have COVID tests on that day will not have the same time available for school work.

Remote learning: <https://www.qka.education/page/?title=Work+From+Home&pid=226>

I would also like to take this opportunity to update you regarding the new rules for self-isolation. Please see the attached document: 'Jan 22 – Self Isolation Rules'. There is also a flowchart attached: 'Covid 19 parent flowchart Jan2022', which is more detailed and may be of use.

In summary:

SUSPECTED case - if child/young person develops COVID-19 symptoms

Book a **PCR test** as soon as possible online via the website www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.

Alternatively, a PCR test can be ordered by phoning **119** for those without internet.

(A PCR test is the test that is sent away).

Ensure child/young person isolates at home until the test result is known. The rest of the household does **NOT NEED** to isolate if they are:

- Under 18 and 6 /months, *or*
- Fully vaccinated, *or*
- Part of a Covid Vaccine trial, *or*
- Exempt for other reason

If none of the above apply, then household contacts must isolate until test result.

If the result of the PCR is NEGATIVE – child/young person returns to school when well.
If the result of the PCR is POSITIVE – follow the instructions below.

Positive PCR Result

Inform the Academy of positive PCR. Ensure child/young person isolates at home for **7 days**. They should take **LFD tests on days 6 and day 7**, at least 24 hours apart, and if both tests are negative, they can leave self-isolation as soon as they have a negative result from the second test **provided they do not have a raised temperature**.

If they decide not to carry out LFD testing or if they have a raised temperature on day 7, then they should continue with their self-isolation for the **full 10 days**. Children aged 0 to 5 years should isolate for 10 days but parents have the discretion of doing LFD tests on Days 6 & 7 if they want their child to end isolation earlier.

Contacts of Positive Cases

Household/close contacts who are fully vaccinated or under 18 years 6 months should do **daily LFD tests for 7 days**. The daily LFD should be done before leaving home for the first time each day. If during this time the LFD test is positive, the individual must self-isolate and arrange a PCR test. Children aged 0 to 5 years who are contacts of someone who tests positive are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily LFD testing.

They will be advised to take a PCR test if they are a household contact.

Household/close contacts only need to self-isolate for 10 days if they are over 18 years & 6 months **and** have not been fully vaccinated. **Unvaccinated adult household/close contacts must isolate for 10 days**.

If anyone else in the household becomes unwell and tests positive for Covid-19 the newly positive person will need to restart/start their isolation. The rest of the family who have been isolating, do not need to extend their isolation period.

CONFIRMED case(s) following a Positive LFD (Lateral Flow Device) Test (the test you take at home).

Positive LFD (Home Test) Result

Inform the Academy of positive LFD.

Take a PCR test **WITHIN 2 DAYS** of positive LFD - Online at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by phoning 119.

Child/young person and any unvaccinated adults who are close contacts must self-isolate whilst waiting for the PCR test result.

Negative PCR Result

Child/young person and unvaccinated adults who are close contacts can stop isolation and can return to the setting. Restart twice weekly LFD home testing in secondary aged pupils.

Positive PCR Result

As above.

Again, thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,



Jo Hammond
Assistant Principal

| | Wednesday 5th January 2022 | Thursday 6th January 2022 | Friday 7th January 2022 | Monday 10th January 2022 |
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| Post 16 | In for testing only (AM) Surnames A to M: 9am-10.30am Surnames N-Z: 10.30am-12 <u>Return home after testing</u> | Lessons (P16 and Y11 only) | Lessons (P16, Y11, Y10 & Y7) | Lessons (all students) |
| Year 11 | In for testing only (PM) Surnames A to M: 12.30pm-1.30pm Surnames N-Z: 1.30pm-3pm <u>Return home after testing</u> | Lessons (P16 and Y11 only) | Lessons (P16, Y11, Y10 & Y7) | Lessons (all students) |
| Year 10 | At home | In for testing only (PM) Surnames A to M: 12.30pm-1.30pm Surnames N-Z: 1.30-3pm <u>Return home after testing</u> | Lessons (P16, Y11, Y10 & Y7) | Lessons (all students) |
| Year 9 | At home | At home | In for testing only (PM) Surnames A to M: 12.30pm-1.30pm Surnames N-Z: 1.30-3pm <u>Return home after testing</u> | Lessons (all students) |
| Year 8 | At home | At home | In for testing only (AM) Surnames A to M: 9am-10.30am Surnames N-Z: 10.30am-12 <u>Return home after testing</u> | Lessons (all students) |
| Year 7 | At home | In for testing only (AM) Surnames A to M: 9am-10.30am Surnames N-Z: 10.30am-12 <u>Return home after testing</u> | Lessons (P16, Y11, Y10 & Y7) | Lessons (all students) |