



Joseph Leckie
Academy

Monday 12th July 2021

Dear Parent/Guardians/Carers

Key Information for all parents - Phased return to school from 6th September 2021

As you are aware from the National announcements and Government advice, schools are being asked to carry out Asymptomatic testing for all Secondary school students on their return in September and phase students return until all students have been tested twice. Rapid testing is one of the strategies to help keep everyone safe and Public Health England and the Department for Education are asking all schools and parents to support in these measures. The government strongly encourages everyone to participate in this programme to help break the transmission, especially after the summer break and ensure everyone's safety on return. Schools have been allowed to phase their returns to accommodate for this testing.

The significant majority of you have already signed up to this last March showing how much you valued this measure for your child's safety and that of their peers and staff. Subsequently you have continued to get your child(ren) to test twice weekly since then and we appreciate all your efforts to keep everyone safe. Please can we encourage you to continue to test twice weekly and record results over the Summer holidays, especially prior to their return in September. Test kits are available before the end of term from their form teacher. Over the summer test kits can be collected from your local pharmacy or available to order on-line. We do not need you to re-sign parental permissions unless you inform us otherwise. If you previously did not consent and have decided to do so, please complete the form on the link below.

Parents of New Year 7s will need to ensure that you have sent in your parental consent, by clicking and completing the form on the attached link. This needs to be completed as soon as possible but by **end of July at the latest** to enable us to set up permissions for testing. **Please do send in your replies as soon as possible.** If for any reason you cannot access the online consent form and need to use the form provided with this letter, please ensure it is returned to the Academy Reception by 21st July so that we can register your child. If you are unable to do this there will be a different time slot for students who need to register on the day.

We appreciate your co-operation and support in this.

Parental Consent for Link for all Year 7 parents and any other student who has not given consent:

<https://www.josephleckieacademy.co.uk/covidtesting>

Testing will commence by year group as stated in the table and information sheet and if you have consented then your child will return on the dates stated. This is a phased return to enable us to test safely and students will return for some face to face education following their negative test result as outlined below.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE READ THE ATTACHED INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AS NOT ALL YEARS ARE IN EVERY DAY. Where students are not in school they will have been sent work to do at home/remotely.

Specific times for students' form groups to return will be sent by the end of the commencing 31st August. You will receive these times in an email to students and this will also be on-line. This will be by form groups so it is important that students know their new forms which will be indicated on the timetable and they should have been informed before the end of term.

Appointment times for their first test will be based on form groups on the stated day, please see the attached schedule. **It is important your child attends at the correct time (new forms and timetables will be sent by email to them during the holidays and information will be available on the website – Year 7 will have received a letter with their forms so you can check times on the website to confirm.**

For the first test, students should arrive at **the Academy Reception** and line up outside and maintain social distancing and we would encourage them to wear masks and then they will be registered and issued with their bar code and then complete their test. Once they have been tested students will go to class where stated, some will return home if their test is later in the day as indicated **so please ensure that you read this carefully.** If, however they test positive, we will notify parents and your child should be collected, you will need to contact the NHS and follow NHS advice.

After they have had their first test (Test1) for the other days they are in school (as stated on the schedule), students will arrive through their **usual entrances (see below) at the normal Academy start time** indicated on the schedule and go to their tutor group and they will be released from class for their second test. Please remember the new Year 7s will arrive via the KWB2 (main Academy Reception) and the new Year 11s will arrive by the West end car park.

We aim to complete all testing by the end of the first week and normal school arrangements will apply from the 13th of September.

After the initial programme of two tests in school, students will be provided with home testing kits so that they can complete these each week at home. They must upload results to the Academy SharePoint site and the NHS site. This will continue until further notice. **We recommend this is done every Sunday and Wednesday.** The majority of students have been doing this since March except those who are new to the Academy in Year 7. Instructions will be given once your child has had the two tests.

Please have a good summer and stay safe.



Rachel Cook
Vice Principal

Revised Entrances, Zones and break and lunch arrangements:

Entrances and Break zones for new year groups as of September 2021

Year 7 - Arrive at KWB2 Reception - Break zone outside KWB2 (toilets in KWB2)

Year 8 – Arrive Lord Street Left hand side – break outside KWB1 (as this year)

Year 9 – Arrive Lord Street Right Hand side – break outside CBB/Yard section by canteen (as this year)

Year 10 – Arrive West Bromwich Gates – break outside PE (as this year)

Year 11 – Arrive West End Gates – Break on yard by West Hall (toilets West End)

Revised Lunches for years – times are based on new timetable with Y7/9 having split lunches.

1st Lunch 12.15-12.45 - New Year 8 and Y10 – Year 8s on yard by Canteen – like they were when they were year 7. Year 10s on yard at west end as they were when they were Year 9.

2nd lunch 12.45-13.15 (split lesson) - New Year 7 and new Y9. Year 7 will be on yard by canteen. New Year 9 will be West End – on yard with West Hall lunches – this will be new.

3rd lunch 13.15-13.45 - New Year 11s and Y12/13s. Year 11's will be at West End as they were when Year 10. Y12/13 in Canteen and surrounding zone.

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