

Oakbank School



Dear Parents/carers,

As I am sure you are now aware, the government has announced the re-opening of schools from Monday 8th March. Following on from the letter you received yesterday from Mr Bertrand, we would like to provide more specific detail about the date and time of your son/daughter's lateral flow test.

As Mr Bertrand explained, we are phasing the return of students to Oakbank School over the course of three days. Once students have received a negative lateral flow test result, they will then be permitted to return to normal classes the following day.

In order to carry out the test we require parental consent. Although the test is not compulsory, it is strongly advised that the test is taken. Please use the link below to provide us with parental consent to carry out the test. Please could we ask that you complete the consent form by the end of Monday 1st March.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pGcNtDFve0GB0B6WvxpVXIZH2hgzPc5LvHn-ASfAQ0NUOFNHNkgyNDQ4U1NHRzg0MIRSMDZGQjYxRC4u>

More specific information for testing for each year group is provided below.

| Date | Covid-19 Lateral Flow Test | | Normal Lessons in School |
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| | Testing Venue Gym | Testing Venue Main Hall | |
| Monday 8 th March | Year 11 | Year 10 | |
| Tuesday 9 th March | Year 9 | Year 7 | Year 11, 10 |
| Wednesday 10 th March | Year 8 | | Year 11, 10, 9, 7 |
| Thursday 11 th March | | | All year groups in school |

Students who are scheduled to be tested in the Main Hall will need to enter the school site via the bottom gate.

Students who are scheduled to be tested in the gym will need to enter the school site via the PE gate.

We will maintain a one-way system for the students to enter the testing site and then to leave once their test has been completed. The use of two testing sites also will allow us not to mix year group bubbles.

Government guidelines require that all students require three negative lateral flow tests. We will therefore continue to test the students by tutor group once they are back in normal school.

Students who access our Key Worker provision will continue to do so until their Year group has returned to normal school.

Please find below the schedule for testing for Year 11.

| Date of Testing: Monday 8th March 2021 | |
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| Testing Venue: The Gym | |
| Tutor Group | Time |
| 11 DFE (Mrs Ferrer's Tutor group) | 8.30am – 9.30am |
| 11 RYO (Mr York's Tutor group) | 10.00am - 11.00am |
| 11 VAR (Miss Arksey's Tutor group) | 11.30am – 12.30pm |
| 11 VFO (Miss Fowler's Tutor group) | 1.30pm – 2.30pm |

Please can we ask that students arrive promptly for their test and leave promptly once the test has been completed. This will enable us to test one year group per day. Students who are not in school will continue to access our online provision via Microsoft Teams. Students will not have live lessons on Teams on the day they are scheduled to have their lateral flow test. However, work will still be set and students will be expected to be learning on Teams. Could you please ensure that the remote learning continues so that your son/daughter does not fall behind with their studies.

Please be advised that students are not required to wear school uniform for their test. On return to school however students must be in full school uniform.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout this challenging period for us all. Our aim is to begin face-to-face teaching as soon as possible and to welcome our students back into Oakbank School.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. Simon Combstock

Head of year 11