



14 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the letter sent last week regarding on-site lateral flow testing, please see further information below. This is a significant logistical challenge and we are mindful of minimising disruption to the start of term. Whilst we will need to have a slight staggered start for some year groups, all year groups will return to school on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** (specific timings for each year group are confirmed later in the letter.)

### **Students taking an on-site lateral flow test**

***If you completed the online form we have allocated your child a slot for an on-site lateral flow test.***

Students should go straight to the Sports Centre at the arrival time shown in the table below. Please note that we have only booked testing slots for students whose parents/carers completed the form by 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Students testing at home**

Please ensure that a test is completed either the Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning before students return to school. (This does not include anyone who has had Covid-19 in the last 90 days). All results should be registered on the NHS website. ***In the event that a test is positive, please also notify us via the absence line 07860034183***

Lateral flow tests are available from our Student and Main receptions. If students are running low on stocks at home please urge them to collect some more before the break. They can also be ordered directly from the NHS <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. In addition to this a number of pharmacies are offering lateral flow testing kits for collection.

### **Year group timings for the return to school**

The table below shows the start times for each year group. Please check your child's year group carefully (taking into account whether they have an on-site lateral flow test booked or whether they will be testing at home.)

<b>Year group</b>	<b>On-site lateral flow test</b>	<b>Testing at home/exempt from testing</b>
Year 7	Please go straight to the Sports Centre on arrival to school. You will be able to receive your test from 8.30am onwards	Usual start time – please go to your tutor room for 8.50am
Year 8	Please arrive at school for 9.10am and go straight to the Sports Centre	Please arrive at school for 9.10am and go straight to P1
Year 9	Please arrive at school for 9.45am and go straight to the Sports Centre	Please arrive at school for 10.10am and go straight to P2
Year 10	Please arrive at school for 10.10am and go straight to the Sports Centre	Please arrive at school for 10.10am and go straight to P2
Year 11	Please go straight to the Sports Centre on arrival to school. You will be able to receive your test from 8.30am onwards	Usual start time – please go to your tutor room for 8.50am
Year 12 and Year 13	Attend the Sports centre any time between 8.30am and 10.45am BEFORE attending lessons	Usual start time

A small number of students will rely on school transport to get to school. **Students in Years 8, 9, and 10 who are unable to make alternative arrangements to accommodate the staggered start are able to book a place in our Learning Resource Centre.** This will be supervised from 8.50am until lessons begin for each Year group. If your child requires a place please ensure you book one using the form below **before Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

[Booking form LRC](#)

If you have any queries regarding lateral flow testing, please contact Mrs Musson at [kmusson@keslichfield.org.uk](mailto:kmusson@keslichfield.org.uk) or 01543 255714

### **Face coverings**

The government advice for staff, students and visitors to wear face coverings is due to be reviewed at the end of term. At this stage, we anticipate that it is unlikely this guidance will change in the New Year. Please ensure that students who are able to wear face coverings ensure they have one (and a spare) with them.

### **End of Term**

The Autumn Term ends on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 12.50pm. We would like to wish all of our students and families a wonderful and very well deserved break.


Yours faithfully,



**Ms J Rutherford**  
Headteacher



**Mrs C Forster**  
Deputy Headteacher



**Mrs L Hurn**  
Deputy Headteacher