



3 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Further to the letter sent on Friday 26th February, please see the timings for the lateral flow testing opportunities.

For all year groups the first test will be completed before students return to face to face education. A reminder of the return dates for each year group can be seen in the table below:

| Year group | School return date |
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| 7 | Thursday 11 th March |
| 8 | Monday 15 th March |
| 9 | Monday 15 th March |
| 10 | Friday 12 th March |
| 11 | Wednesday 10 th March |
| 12 | Friday 12 th March |
| 13 | Wednesday 10 th March |

Where students are coming into school to receive their test *before* their school return date (see table above for each year group), students do not need to wear school uniform and once they have received their test they will return home. Test results will be communicated directly to the contact details provided on the consent form through the NHS Track and Trace system (it is expected that this will be on the same day that the test is taken.)

Year 7 appointment times

Test 1 – Tuesday 9th March

| Tutor group | Please arrive at the Leisure Centre between the times indicated below |
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| 7A1 | 8.40am - 8.50am |
| 7A2 | 9am - 9.15am |
| 7C1 | 9.20am - 9.35am |
| 7C2 | 9.40am - 9.55am |
| 7C3 | 10am - 10.15am |
| 7D1 | 10.20am - 10.35am |
| 7D2 | 10.40am - 10.55am |
| 7G1 | 11am - 11.15am |
| 7G2 | 11.20am - 11.35am |

Test 2 – Friday 12th March. Students will be in school and will be directed to their test from their lessons.

Test 3 – Wednesday 17th March. Students will be in school and will be directed to their test from their lessons.

Will I be able to change the appointment time?

We have arranged the testing to keep consistent groups of students for each test to reduce the possible number of contacts. The testing centre is set up to enable students and staff to socially distance. Arranging 4,500 tests is a logistical challenge, and we are therefore unfortunately unable to change appointment times. If one of the testing opportunities is missed, students can still access the other testing appointment slots allocated. If you have consented to the lateral flow test but are not able to attend the appointment you can let us know by emailing jbrownridge@keslichfield.org.uk.

How long will the process take?

We estimate that it will approximately 30 minutes from the start of the registration to leaving the test site. As we haven't yet conducted testing on this scale, this is an estimation and we thank you for your patience and understanding as we complete this process.

Where can I find out more information?

Please refer to the letter sent on 26th February for full details about lateral flow testing at King Edward School.

The previous letter can be found in the coronavirus section of the school website along with the Risk Assessment and Privacy Notice. A reminder of the link to the video to show students what to expect when coming for their first lateral flow test can be found here <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=1EKQJ-PwyQc&feature=youtu.be>.

Is the test compulsory?

Although we encourage students to take the test, it is voluntary and students who have not or cannot be tested are still permitted to return to school. If a student does not want to go ahead with the test once they have arrived at the test centre, they will return home (or back to class if their year group has returned to school.)

Social distancing reminder

Please remind students to be mindful of social distancing on their way to school, whilst waiting for their test and as they go home. After completing the test they must not congregate, they must leave the school site and return home. We understand that many students haven't seen their friends face to face for some time and they will have the opportunity to see their friends properly on their full return. When receiving their tests following their return to school date they should return straight back to lessons after taking the test.

What should my child do when they arrive at school for the first test?

Please go to the Leisure Centre where there will be a member of staff to greet every student and issue them with a registration card.

For Years 7-11, students will be registered via the testing team. Results of tests will be entered into the NHS track and Trace system and parents/carers will be notified of the result of the test **via a text message** sent to the phone number given in the consent. Where consent has been completed by parents living at two different addresses, the result will only be sent to one mobile, however, in the event of a positive test we would contact parents at both addresses.

Due to the number of staff and students involved in the testing process, cars will not be permitted on the school site to drop off and collect students for these initial testing appointments. We thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

We are extremely grateful that members of our school and wider community have volunteered to support our testing programme which forms an important part of enabling our students to return to school safely. This is significant logistical challenge and we thank you for your support and patience whilst we complete it.

We look forward to seeing our students back in school.

Yours sincerely



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