

Dear Parent/Carer

Like you, we are delighted that we can now welcome students back to school from Monday 8th March. Mr Dean wrote to you last week explaining that we would be planning the return so that it is safe for everyone to return to face to face lessons during the week of the 8th March.

The government has asked schools to Lateral Flow Test (LFT) all students three times over the first 2 weeks of opening, before students will be able to take lateral flow tests at home.

The purpose of the information that follows is to explain the process of LFT during the week commencing 8th March, which we are undertaking to both improve the safety of all on site and to reduce the disruption to learning. Tests are provided to protect the whole community and we strongly advise their use for the benefit of the whole community. From the 8th March, therefore, we will begin our testing cycle by administering Test 1 for all students. This will be done on a rota basis in year group bubbles. You will be able to select an allocated time for your child to attend for Test 1. Consent needs to be given prior to attending for a test. More detailed information is provided below.

	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Mon 8th	OL	OL	OL	OL	WS- T1	OL	WS-T1
Tues 9th	OL	OL	OL	WS-T1	LS	WS-T1	LS
Wed 10th	WS-T1	OL	WS-T1	LS	LS	LS	LS
Thurs 11th	LS	WS-T1	LS	LS	LS-T2	LS	LS-T2
Fri 12th	LS	LS	LS	LS-T2	LS	LS-T2	LS-T2
Mon 15th	LS-T2		LS-T2				LS-3
Tues 16th		LS-T3			LS-3		LS-3
Wed 17th				LS-T3		LS-3	
Thurs 18th	LS-T3		LS-T3				
Fri 19th		LS-T3					

OL – Online learning (Live lessons at home via Google Classroom)

WS – Work set (work will be set for students to complete at home on the day they attend for their test)

LS- Learning in school (Face to face lessons on site following the normal timetable)

Testing sessions

	8.00-9.00	9.00-10.00	10.00-11.00	11.00-12.00	12.00-13.00	13.00-14.00	14.00-15.00	15.00-16.00	16.00-17.00 Disley	17.00-18.00 Disley
Monday 8th	Yr 11 & 13	Yr 11 & 13	Yr 11 & 13	Yr 11 & 13	Yr 11 & 13	Yr 11 & 13	Yr 11 & 13		Yr 11 & 13	Yr 11 & 13
Tuesday 9th	Yr 10 & 12	Yr 10 & 12	Yr 10 & 12	Yr 10 & 12	Yr 10 & 12	Yr 10 & 12	Yr 10 & 12		Yr 10 & 12	Yr 10 & 12
Wednesday 10th	Yr 7 & 9	Yr 7 & 9	Yr 7 & 9	Yr 7 & 9	Yr 7 & 9	Yr 7 & 9	Yr 7 & 9	Yr 7 & 9	Yr 7,8 & 9	Yr 7,8 & 9
Thursday 11th	Yr 8			Yr 8		Yr 8		Yr 8		

1. Complete the electronic consent form, and select the time slot for Test 1. We are carrying out testing at the Baptist Church in Disley for any students who live in the Disley, High Lane, New Mills and Marple area. Please follow the link to the [Consent Form](#) (If you do not wish to give consent for your child to complete the test please state this on the electronic form but continue to provide the information being requested.)
2. Students can be accompanied to school by a parent/carer but we do understand that some students may have to come unaccompanied. We would ask parents to remain in their cars and not come into the test centre area.
3. Students will need to wear a face covering (unless exempt). Students do not need to wear school uniform on the day they come into school for Test 1.
4. Students can arrive any time in their testing time slot but we ask they do not attend a different time slot. Students need to go straight to the Leisure Centre main doors where they will be registered.
5. Students will need to queue in a socially distanced area, while their consent and registration is checked.
6. Students will then be invited into the testing centre for their test. It only takes a few minutes.
7. Students will need to leave the site immediately after their test.
8. Results will be received via a text message and/or email (as provided on the consent form).
9. There are GDPR implications for your child's data and the full details of how this will be managed are on the school website [Covid Data Protection](#)
10. If your child is concerned about having the test and requires additional support please contact school via covidsupport@phs.cheshire.sch.uk
11. The following link shows how the test is taken, it would be helpful for you to discuss this with your child prior to Test 1 [Covid LFT Instructions](#)

What if your child tests positive?

If your child tests positive, you will need to follow the normal guidance about self-isolating as a family for 10 days. Similarly, if your child tests negative, but develops symptoms later on, you will need to book a test via the normal NHS route. If your child tests positive please e-mail covidsupport@phs.cheshire.sch.uk

What happens after Test 1?

Once we have carried out Test 1, we feel confident that students can all return to school the following day. We will then continue our schedule by administering Test 2 and Test 3 in the ten days which follow and anticipate to be finished testing by 17th March. After students have had 3 tests in school, they will be issued with a home-testing kit.

How do home-testing kits work?

We would advise that tests are administered on a Sunday and a Wednesday between 3.00pm and 7.00pm. Full instructions are provided with the kits. If a student tests positive from a home-test, they will need to book an NHS test at one of the local centres to confirm the result. Please inform school of a positive LFT via covidsupport@phs.cheshire.sch.uk

What if my child has tested positive for COVID in the last 90 days?

If your child has tested positive in the last 90 days they do not have to take part in the mass testing programme but we would ask that you still provide the information as requested on the consent form. Despite this, if you would like them to have the LFT please complete the consent form. Even if your child has tested positive for COVID in the last 90 days but is classed as a close contact should we have a positive case they will still need to self-isolate.

What if my child attends Keyworker School?

Please still complete the consent form however if they are in school on the day their year group is tested we will arrange a time for them to complete the test on that day.

Mr Bennett and Mr Hardman will provide this week an update return to school student booklet to remind students of our routines and to update you on some changes we have made over lockdown. Please take some time to review this with your child to reassure them over the coming week. In short, we will be returning to the practice we initiated in September of year group entrances and exits, year group bubble areas and split lunchtimes and breaks. Students will be expected to wear a mask (unless exempt) in the building and we will encourage students to regularly wash their hands and use hand sanitiser. Form tutors will also go through the information during online form time.

We greatly appreciate your support with this approach within government guidelines which is intended to protect us all and to build our confidence in the full return to school. The students who have attended key worker school have already been taking part in the LFTs, have been very mature about the tests and have had no issues in completing the tests.

Please complete the consent form by Wednesday 3rd March at 1.00pm so we are able to complete the staffing plan of the test centres.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully

Catherine Holyland

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