



Church of England School
Executive Head and CEO: Mr A J Wilcock MA (Cantab)

22nd July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Onsite Lateral Flow Testing and the school day in September 2021

Following the release of guidance from the Department for Education, I write to inform you of the plans regarding Lateral Flow Testing, the structure of the school day, and COVID measures from September 2021. Should there be a change in guidance before September, we will send you further correspondence during the summer.

Onsite LFT testing

We have been asked to test all students twice onsite, 3-5 days apart at the start of term. We are therefore setting up our Testing Centre in the Sports Hall again and we are asking **all students** to come into school on **Friday 3rd September**. Students should arrive by their allotted time (see table below) they will take the test and then go home. We will contact you quickly if your child's test is positive and ask you to get a confirmatory PCR test. Test two will then take place on Monday 6th or Tuesday 7th September.

Arrival Times on Friday 3 rd September	
08:40	Year 7
09:50	Year 12
11:00	Year 9
12:00	Year 8
13:00	Year 13
14:30	Year 10
15:30	Year 11
Year Groups as of September 2021	

Things to note

We are using the new Orient Gene LFTs. These require a nose swab only (both nostrils) and give a result within 15 minutes. This will be easier for most students.

We are working from the consent you have already given. If you would like to change your answer regarding consent, or if your child is unable to come in on Friday 3rd, please email office@bishopramsey.school

If you have a child in the new year 7 cohort, there will be additional information regarding consent being sent to you separately.

Start Dates

Year 7 Induction day **Friday 3rd September**. Students will start the day with their Covid-19 test.

Year 8-13 Covid-19 test on **Friday 3rd September** - Return to school **Monday 6th September**.



Timings of the School Day – From Monday 6th September

- 8:40am Students are lined up at their new muster points.
All students will enter through the Warrender Road Gate.
- 2:55pm Lessons finish for the day.
- 3:00pm Some extra-curricular opportunities.

We have a two-week timetable and **Friday of week A** will have an earlier finish time of **2:30pm**. On this day, students will not have morning Form time, but instead will have a PSHE lesson with their Form Tutor during the day. Please note that week commencing Monday 6th September is a **week B**, so the first earlier finish will be on Friday 17th September.

Covid-19 Measures

In line with the latest guidance there will be a significant reduction in Covid-19 measures, which should allow a much greater degree of normality in school life. Bubbles, isolation for close contacts, face masks and social distancing are no longer requirements. This will allow us to have a normal timetable with classes back in their specialist settings.

The following measures will remain in place:

1. Hand washing and sanitising. The need for good hygiene remains high, the hand sanitiser and additional sinks will remain in place and students will be asked to use them regularly throughout the day.
2. An enhanced cleaning regime. We will retain additional cleaning staff to ensure that frequently touched surfaces are cleaned regularly throughout the day. Classrooms will remain stocked with cleaning products and students may be asked to wipe down their desks at different points during the day.
3. Good ventilation will be maintained throughout the building, balanced with the need for comfortable working temperature.
4. Advice and guidance from public health will be followed, should there be a rise in confirmed cases in the school or the local area. This will follow our outbreak management plan.

Outbreak management plan

Should there be significant outbreak of cases we have a series of measures that can be reintroduced to help restrict transmission in school. This would be activated in consultation with the Local Authority and Public Health England. The updated Covid-19 risk assessment will be available on the website in September.

If you have any questions, please email office@bishopramsey.school

Wishing you a happy and healthy summer break.

Yours sincerely,



Mr M Britton
Deputy Headteacher