



26th August 2021

Dear Parents / Carers of Year 7 students

Re: Year 7 return to school & lateral flow testing

I hope my letter finds you and your families well and that you have all enjoyed the summer break.

I write to you today in regard to my last letter to all parents at the end of the summer term to inform each year group as to the details of testing and returning dates/times. I will also update you in regard to the COVID-19 arrangements we will have in place at the start of the new autumn term and I attach a separate 'information fact sheet' which details these updates/key changes.

The schedule below shows what time year 7 students should arrive on Wednesday 1st September for their first lateral flow test. Year 7 will be required to attend the William Parker Campus, Park Avenue TN34 2PG for their first LFT only. Once students have had their test, they can then leave site. The result of their LFT will be sent via email/text to parents/carers as per the information provided in the consent form.

To provide consent you are asked to do so using the MCAS parent App (<https://bit.ly/3eJGkoA>) or by completing this form at <https://forms.office.com/r/JXR8hC99b7>.

We ask that students arrive for their LFT in their **school uniform**.

Please ensure your child has a face mask to wear when entering the test centre.

For testing, Yr 7 students arrive on 1st September, via the main entrance at Park Avenue (William Parker Campus), they will be directed to the Old Gym building to the left of the entrance. Their consent information will be checked with them at the Registration process. They will then be directed to a booth where they will be given verbal instruction as to how to carry-out their lateral flow test. Year 7 will then return to school on Friday 3rd September for their first transition day at the Helenswood Campus, The Ridge TN37 7PS at 8.30am.

Testing schedule for Wednesday 1st September for YEAR 7 :-

Arrive at school	Time slot for Testing	Tutor group
8:30	08:45 - 09:15	7A
9:00	09:15 - 09:45	7B
9:30	09:45 - 10:15	7C

Principal: Mr L Collins
Network Associate Principal: Mr J Scafe

10:00	10:15 - 10:45	7D
10:30	10:45 - 11:15	7E
11:00	11:15 - 11:45	7F
11:30	11:45 -12:15	7G
12:00	12:15 - 12:45	7H
12:30	12:45 - 13:15	7I
13:00	13:15 - 13:45	7J
13:30	13:45 - 14:15	7K

Year 7 will have their second LFT at the Helenswood Campus, during the school day on Monday 6th September. ALL students will be given home lateral flow test kits once they have had their 2nd LFT at school. We urge students to continue testing at home and recording their result is easy-LINK: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> .

Year 7 returning to school schedule from 1st September 2021;

Date	Timings	Information
Wednesday 1 st September	As above for tutor group testing	Attend school for first lateral flow test ONLY at William Parker Campus
Thursday 2 nd September	No school attendance for Year 7	
Friday 3 rd September	8.30am arrival until 3.15pm school ends	Transition Day 1 at Helenswood Campus
Monday 6 th September	8.30am arrival until 3.15pm school ends	Transition Day 2 & 2 nd LFT at Helenswood Campus
Tuesday 7 th , Wednesday 8 th September	8.30am arrival until 3.15pm school ends	Transition Days 3 & 4 at Helenswood Campus
From Thursday 9 th September	Normal school day - 8.30am arrival until 3.15pm school ends	WHOLE school/ALL students return to normal timetable school day

Useful contact information:

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Useful school information:

[LINK](#): School Day

[LINK](#): Term Dates

[LINK](#): School Calendar

[LINK](#): Latest school letters

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us info@arkalexandra.org.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Liam Collins', written in a cursive style.

Liam Collins
Principal