



26th August 2021

Dear Parents / Carers of Year 8 students

Re: Year 8 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 8 students should arrive on Friday 3rd September for their first lateral flow test. Year 8 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 8 students will be directed to the Old Gym building to the left of the entrance or the Canteen via the main Reception 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.

Testing schedule for Friday 3rd September for YEAR 8 :-

Arrive at school	Time slot for Testing	Tutor group
8:30	08:45 - 09:15	8A
9:00	09:15 - 09:45	8B
9:30	09:45 - 10:15	8C
10:00	10:15 - 10:45	8D
10:30	10:45 - 11:15	8E
11:00	11:15 - 11:45	8F

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11:30	11:45 -12:15	8G
12:00	12:15 - 12:45	8H
12:30	12:45 - 13:15	8I
13:00	13:15 - 13:45	8J

Year 8 will have their second LFT at the Helenswood Campus on **Tuesday 7th September**. Once students have had their test, they can then leave site. 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> . See below schedule for this;

YEAR 8 second test schedule for Tuesday 7th September:-

Arrive at school	Time slot for Testing	Tutor group
8:30	08:45 - 09:15	8A
9:00	09:15 - 09:45	8B
9:30	09:45 - 10:15	8C
10:00	10:15 - 10:45	8D
10:30	10:45 - 11:15	8E
11:00	11:15 - 11:45	8F
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12:00	12:15 - 12:45	8H
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13:00	13:15 - 13:45	8J

Year 8 returning to school schedule from 3rd September 2021;

Date	Timings	Information
Friday 3 rd September	As above for tutor group testing	Attend school for first lateral flow test ONLY at William Parker Campus
Monday 6 th September	No school attendance for Year 8	
Tuesday 7 th September	As above for tutor group testing	Attend school for second lateral flow test ONLY at Helenswood Campus
Wednesday 8 th September	11.30am arrival until 1.15pm ONLY	Tutor session 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

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

Regards,



Liam Collins
Principal