

16 July 2021

Dear Parent(s)/carer(s),

RE: LATERAL FLOW TESTING – SEPTEMBER 2021

As explained in our end-of-term letter, schools have been asked to provide two onsite lateral flow tests, 3-5 days a part, for all students as they return in September. Whilst this is going to mean a slightly disrupted start to the new school year, we are hopeful that we can run the tests in such a way that students' education can start as quickly as possible.

Testing will begin on Thursday 2 September and follow the schedule outlined below. Although we would ideally want all students in school on the morning of 6 September, we have had to delay this slightly in order to enable us to get every student tested once before resuming lessons.

Consent for testing

Parents/carers must provide consent for their child to be tested. We will be unable to test your child unless the consent form is completed. This has been e-mailed to parents/carers of year 7 students (currently year 6) and via My Ed App for students who will be in years 8-13 from September. The consent form will also be used to register your child's test result for you to receive a text/email notification from the online NHS system.

Please visit the schools website for full details. We have published a 'Lateral Flow Test – Information Guide' for all parents/carers to be informed about our test centre arrangements. Parents/carers should also refer to the 'Privacy Notice' to be informed about how data will be processed.

Testing Schedule

The following schedule will be used to ensure all students have their two tests, 3-5 days a part as recommended:

	Test 1	Test 2	Lessons as normal
Year 7	Period 1 and 2 Thursday 2 September	Tuesday 7 September	P3 Thursday 2 September
Year 8	Period 1 and 2 Monday 6 September	Thursday 9 September	Tuesday 7 September
Year 9	Period 3 and 4 Monday 6 September	Thursday 9 September	Tuesday 7 September
Year 10	Period 1 and 2 Friday 3 September	Wednesday 8 September	Monday 6 September
Year 11	Period 3 and 4 Friday 3 September	Wednesday 8 September	Monday 6 September
Year 12	Period 3 Thursday 2 September	Tuesday 7 September	P4 Thursday 2 September
Year 13	Period 4 Thursday 2 September	Tuesday 7 September	Monday 6 September

For more specific information on each year group's return to school, please read through the information below. Please note that the year group specified is the one that your child will be in from September.

Year 7

Year 7 students should all report for school at 8.30am on Thursday 2 September. Upon arrival, they will be directed to the Year 7 courtyard by a member of staff. The students will be tested during periods 1 and 2 and then go to lessons from period 3 onwards. Their second round of testing will take place on Tuesday 7 September. They should report for school as normal on this day.

Year 8

Students in tutor groups COMPS should report for testing at 8.50am on 6 September. Those students in tutor groups REHN should report for testing at 9.50am on 6 September. Once they have been tested, students will leave the site. Students should register at the swimming pool car park on arrival.

All of Year 8 should report for school as normal at 8.30am on Tuesday 7 September. Their second round of testing will take place on Thursday 9 September. They should arrive at school by 8.30am as normal on this day.

Year 9

Students in tutor groups COMP should report for testing at 11.10am on 6 September. Those students in tutor groups REHNV should report for testing at 12.10pm on 6 September. Once they have been tested, students will leave the site. Students should register at the swimming pool car park on arrival.

All of Year 9 should report for school as normal at 8.30am on Tuesday 7 September. Their second round of testing will take place on Thursday 9 September. They should arrive at school by 8.30am as normal on this day.

Year 10

Students in tutor groups COMPS should report for testing at 8.50am on 3 September. Those students in tutor groups REHN should report for testing at 9.50am on 3 September. Once they have been tested, students will leave the site. Students should register at the swimming pool car park on arrival.

All of Year 10 should report for school as normal at 8.30am on Monday 6 September. Their second round of testing will take place on Wednesday 8 September. They should arrive at school by 8.30am as normal on this day.

Year 11

Students in tutor groups COMP should report for testing at 11.10am on 3 September. Those students in tutor groups REHNV should report for testing at 12.10pm on 3 September. Once they have been tested, students will leave the site. Students should register at the swimming pool car park on arrival.

All of Year 11 should report for school as normal at 8.30am on Monday 6 September. Their second round of testing will take place on Wednesday 8 September. They should arrive at school by 8.30am as normal on this day.

Year 12

All students should report for testing at 11.10am on Thursday 2 September. They will then stay on site and go to lessons following this. Their second round of testing will take place on Tuesday 7 September. They should report to school at 8.30am as normal on this day.

Year 13

All students should report for testing at 12.10pm on Thursday 2 September. Students will then leave the site following this. Students should report for school as normal at 8.30am on Monday 6 September. Their second round of testing will take place on Tuesday 7 September. They should report to school at 8.30am as normal on this day.

School Transport

Students should only use the school transport on the day that they are returning to school for lessons and not for the day of their first test. This is with the exception of Years 7, 12 and 13 on 2 September who will test and return on the same day and so students can use services. Please ensure your child continues to wear a mask whilst using home to school transport services.

We will support all students throughout the testing programme but please contact us if you have any questions via e-mail to office@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk.

Yours faithfully



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