

23 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for Staff and Pupils

Further to the Government's announcement, pupils will be tested twice during their first week back at school in September using the 'lateral flow devices'. This letter is to help give you more information about the testing programme at Oakmoor.

Plan for testing

The Department of Education have requested that staff and pupils test negative before their return to the classroom. These initial tests will be carried out during Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th September where pupils will return home after their first test.

To help with the flow, pupils will be invited in their year groups. During their allocated day, pupils will be given a thirty-minute timeslot which is set out at the bottom of this letter.

Monday 6 September - Year 7 and 9 (pupils return to school on Tuesday 7 September)

Tuesday 7 September - Year 8, 10 and 11 (pupils return to school on Wednesday 8 September)

Once pupils have returned to onsite learning, we will complete one additional tests during school hours. Pupils will be tested in their teaching groups, escorted by their subject teacher, and return to lessons straight after. The testing process takes fewer than three minutes per pupil. The days are listed below for reference.

Thursday 9 September - Year 7 and 9

Friday 10 September - Year 8, 10 and 11

If your child is not in school (unrelated to Covid-19) on the day of their test, please let our reception team know and we will arrange for them to be tested on their return.

During the second test, we will be sending packs home for pupils to test at home twice a week.

How the tests work

The testing process will be the same as before in March/April and take place in the Dance Studio. For the first test, pupils are not required to wear uniform and we ask that they attend alone. Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose and takes no more than 3 minutes. Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly with parents or carers

via an email or text notification from the NHS system. The school will inform the pupil of a positive test result and call home.

What if my child tests positive?

If a pupil tests positive on a lateral flow device, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

What happens if the test is negative?

While a small number of pupils may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason, pupils who test negative will be able to stay in school and resume their activities as normal.

We will support our staff and pupils throughout, but please contact us if you have any questions. You can contact me on enquiries@oakmoor.hants.sch.uk please use COVID TESTING in the subject heading.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Simpson
Operations Manager

Monday 6 September

Year 7

A - B	8.30 -9.00
C - F	9.00 - 9.30
G - I	9.30 - 10.00
J - N	10.30 - 11.00
O - S	11.00 - 11.30
T - Y	11.30 - 12.00

Year 9

A - B	12.00 - 12.30
C - G	13.15 - 13.45
H - L	13.45 - 14.15
M - R	14.15 - 14.45
S - Z	14.45 - 15.15

Tuesday 7 September

Year 8

A - C	8.30 -9.00
D - H	9.00 - 9.30
J - P	9.30 - 10.00
R - Y	10.30 - 11.00

Year 10

A - C	11.00 - 11.30
D - I	11.30 - 12.00
J - O	12.00 - 12.30
P - W	13.15 - 13.45

Tuesday 7 September continued

Year 11

A - G	13.45 - 14.15
H - O	14.15 - 14.45
P - W	14.45 - 15.15