

25 February 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian,

I hope that you and your families have remained healthy throughout the last period of national lockdown. We have missed our students greatly and are pleased that the government have confirmed the re-opening of schools to all students on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

This is one of two letters that I am going to write to you over the coming days. In this letter I will focus on the arrangements for students to receive access to COVID-19 Lateral Flow Tests over the coming weeks. I will then write to you separately outlining the plans we have in place for the re-opening of the academy to all students on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

The COVID-19 Lateral Flow Tests are designed to identify people who are asymptomatic but are carrying the virus. These tests will support the stringent measures we have in place to reduce the transmission of the virus and help to keep our students, staff and wider community as safe from the virus as we can be.

The government have recommended that all students should, on their return to education, have 3 Lateral Flow Tests separated by up to 5 days. In order to get all of our students straight back into their lessons I would like to offer all students the opportunity to have their first test on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March or Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March at the following times:

| Year Group | Day   | Time          | Entrance to use |
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| 7          | Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> or<br>Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> is available<br>for all year groups. | 08:30 – 10:30 | Sports Hall     |
| 8          |   | 08:30 – 10:30 | Acres View      |
| 9          |   | 11:00 – 13:00 | Sports Hall     |
| 10         |   | 11:00 – 13:00 | Acres View      |
| 11         |   | 13:30 – 15:30 | Sports Hall     |
| Post-16    |   | 13:30 – 15:30 | Acres View      |

Students should arrive during their year group's allocated slot on either day **wearing a face covering, unless exempt**, and socially distancing themselves from anyone outside of their family or support bubble. They will be met by their Learning Manager and members of our staff and will be supported throughout the process.

If you are happy for your child to be tested then please can you complete the consent form by clicking on this link: <https://forms.gle/V4emWdAUSeGGeM9T7>. **The questions on this form are different to the form previously completed so please can all students complete the form again.** This will assist our staff with registering students for their Lateral Flow Test.

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The Lateral Flow Tests are quick and easy using a swab of your nose and throat. Results will take about half an hour from testing and will be shared directly with students. Where a student receives a positive result the academy will contact the parent or legal guardian.

Once students have obtained a negative test result then they will be able to go straight to their normal timetabled lessons on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Any student who does not have consent to take a test will also return to their normal timetabled lessons on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. If a student was to receive a positive test then they would be required to follow the advice from the NHS and self-isolate for a period of 10 days.

I hope that the information included in this letter is helpful and clear. If you have any questions then please contact the academy via email – [enquiries@newbold.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@newbold.outwood.com)

Yours faithfully,



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