



The South Wolds
Academy
and Sixth Form

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Dear Parents and Carers

Detailed below is the plan in relation to Covid-19 asymptomatic testing for students upon their return to school. This is a complex process and I very much appreciate you taking the time to read this carefully in conjunction with the letter Mrs Angus sent earlier this week. Please be aware that all parents are being sent this letter; if you do not give consent for testing then your child will return to school in line with the information provided by Mrs Angus on 24th February.

What if my child has already had Covid confirmed by an NHS test?

According to NHS Test & Trace guidance, if you have tested positive by PCR (NHS test) for COVID-19, you will probably have developed some immunity to the disease. However, it cannot be guaranteed that everyone will develop immunity, or how long it will last. It is possible for PCR tests to remain positive for some time after COVID-19 infection. Anyone who has previously received a positive COVID-19 PCR test result **should not** be re-tested within 90 days of that test, unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19. **Please alert the school if this applies to your child.**

Detailed below, you will see the outline for each day from Monday 1st March onwards.

Testing

Testing will take place in the **sports hall** and students should **access the test site via the leisure centre car park**. Upon entry to the sports hall there will be socially distanced registration tables in order for the testing process to commence. Staff operating the service will be on hand to guide the students at each step. Testing will take place in individual booths with the flow of students into and out of the area closely controlled. Students will not be able to see each other and trained staff will be supervising the swabbing process. Clear pictorial guidance is also available in each booth.

After the swab has been taken students will be guided to a socially distanced waiting area. Here they will wait for approximately 30 minutes for their test result. Should any student test positive they will be removed discreetly and parents contacted to arrange collection.

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It would be very helpful if students come to school knowing the following information that they will be asked as part of the registration process:

- **Their date of birth**
- **First line of their home address and postcode**
- **The mobile number of a parent to whom the test result is sent**
- **Their ethnicity (optional)**

All testing between Monday 1st March and Friday 12th March will involve students arriving at school at the times stated. It is important students arrive to the leisure centre car park at the correct time, according to tutor groups (if indicated), in order to control the flow of students on and off the site.

Testing undertaken from Monday 15th March will be completed as part of the school day.

Week commencing 1st March: Post 16 and Year 11 students only

Initial testing of Post 16 and Year 11 students will occur during this week. Once the test has been taken students will remain on site (in a socially distanced waiting area) for their test result before making their way home approximately 45 minutes after arriving. **They cannot remain on site after this point** and we ask that they do not wait around for other students. Students should not be sharing cars in order to arrive at school and at all times we ask them to follow social distancing rules and to be wearing a face covering. Staff are aware that students might be missing from remote lessons and have been asked to plan accordingly. **Week commencing 8th March all students remain on site following their test.**

Year 11 students do not need to wear school uniform whilst attending for testing on Friday 5th March. Live lessons will not take place for Year 11 students however lesson activities may still be set by their teachers. **Year 11 return to face to face teaching will now be Monday 8th March.** All Year 11 students should attend school as normal that day as they will be given their second test during lesson times. They will be required to bring a packed lunch for the Monday only as on site catering will not resume until Tuesday 9th (students who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch).

TESTING SCHEDULE - arrive at sports hall via leisure centre car park			
	Monday 1st March	Thursday 4th March	Friday 5th March
8.45am*	Year 12/13 students who catch a school bus *	Year 12/13 students who catch a school bus *	Year 11 students who catch a school bus *
9.45am	Year 12 students who walk/drive	Year 12 students who walk/drive	
10.30am	Year 13 students who walk/drive	Year 13 students who walk/drive	Year 11 students who walk/arrive by car

*All students must make their way home immediately after the test (approximately 45 mins after arrival), this includes those who used the school bus for arrival. If they cannot make their way home after the test please do not attend – further opportunity will be given for testing in the subsequent two weeks.

Week commencing 8th March

All students on a phased return and to remain in school commencing face to face teaching immediately after negative test result.

	Monday 8th March	Tuesday 9th March	Wednesday 10th March	Thursday 11th March	Friday 12th March
AM 8.45am	Year 11 bus students straight to sports hall, all others to classes	Year 10 students who catch a bus/car	Year 7 students who catch a bus/car	Year 8 students who catch a bus/car	Year 9 students who catch a bus/car
PM	Post 16 12.30 – Year 12 1.30 – Year 13	Year 10 12.30 – K and E 1.30 – Y and R 2.30pm – T and H	Year 7 12.30 – K and E 1.30 – Y and R 2.30pm – T and H	Year 8 12.30 – K and E 1.30 – Y and R 2.30pm – T and H	Year 9 12.30 – K and E 1.30 – Y and R 2.30pm – T and H

Once we have completed three tests for all students who have consented, we will begin providing home testing kits for your child. Further information will be sent in due course.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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