



**The South Wolds
Academy
and Sixth Form**

July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

The Department for Education has recently updated it's guidance with regard to arrangements for September 2021 and the start of the new academic year.

As pupils will potentially mix with lots of other people during the summer holidays, guidance states that all secondary school pupils should receive 2 on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the Autumn term. This will mirror the process we successfully implemented in March 2021. Some important points to note:

- If you have already given prior consent for LFD testing (your child participates in the home testing process) then you **do not** need to provide consent again.
- Students over the age of 16 at the time of this testing can give their own consent
- If you have not given consent, but you wish to opt your child into the process for September, please use the following link <https://www.southwolds.co.uk/page/?title=Student+COVID%2D19+Testing&pid=159> This contains all information you will need.
- The expectation of home testing twice a week will continue through September 2021 for staff and students and this will be reviewed by the Department for Education before the end of that month

In order to facilitate the testing of students we will be staggering the return to school for different year groups. This will take place across three days; Tuesday 31st August - Thursday 2nd September. By Friday 3rd September, all students in all year groups will be in timetabled lessons.

Testing days:

		Students to be tested
Tuesday 31st August	8.45 am	Year 7 – Surnames A to C
	9.45 am	Year 7 – Surnames D to G
	10.45 am	Year 7 – Surnames H to L
	11.45 am	Year 7 – Surnames M to R
	1.00 pm	Year 7 – Surnames S to Z
	2.00 pm	Year 12
	3.00 pm	Year 13
Wednesday 1st September	8.45 am	Year 10 – Surnames A to C
	9.45 am	Year 10 – Surnames D to M
	10.45 am	Year 10 – Surnames N to Z
	12.15 pm	Year 11 – Surnames A to D
	1.15 pm	Year 11 - Surnames E to N
	2.15 pm	Year 11 – Surnames O to Z
Thursday 2nd September	8.45 am	Year 8 – Surnames A to D
	9.45 am	Year 8 – Surnames E to O
	10.45 am	Year 8 – Surnames P to Z
	12.15 pm	Year 9 – Surnames A to E
	1.15 pm	Year 9 - Surnames F to O
	2.15 pm	Year 9 – Surnames P to Z

Testing arrangements

- New Year 7 students may be accompanied by a parent or carer in the testing area as we appreciate this is not the usual welcome to South Wolds!
- Students should arrive at the sports hall via the leisure centre car park at the allotted time.
- They will have their test and then **return straight home**. We expect this process to take no longer than 30 minutes, though slight delays may occur. Students will not be admitted into school at this point.
- 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.
- You will receive the result of the LFD test by NHS message via the contact details used when consent was given.
- The student will start timetabled lessons the **day after** their first test
- Students will be collected from lessons in order to receive their second test

Students will return to school to commence their full timetable on the following days:

Wednesday 1 st September	Year 7 and Year 12 induction days
Thursday 2 nd September	Year 10, Year 11, Year 13
Friday 3 rd September	Year 8, Year 9

Once we have completed two tests for all students who have consented, we will begin providing home testing kits for your child.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Wishing you and your family a lovely Summer.

Yours sincerely



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