



REDHILL SCHOOL

December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Although the Autumn Term is still in full flow, we are already busy making preparations for the first week back in January to ensure that all pupils enjoy a safe and effective start back to school. In order to ensure that the reopening of schools is as safe as possible following the Christmas break, the government has produced very detailed guidance regarding the 'system controls' that schools should ensure are in place to minimise the risk of transmission of coronavirus. The latest guidance stipulates that schools should once again create capacity to administer Asymptomatic Lateral Flow Testing which will help to identify pupils who are infectious but do not have any coronavirus symptoms.

At Redhill School, we are in a strong position as our testing site has operated several times very successfully. The testing operatives that we have employed are well trained, experienced and are well versed in ensuring that the testing experience is as pleasant as possible.

The government has stated that;

- All pupils will receive **one test** and if they receive a negative result then they can be admitted to school.
- Schools have once again been given the flexibility to stagger the return for pupils to allow the testing to take place.
- The tests are voluntary but we support the government position and strongly encourage that you consent to your child participating in order to contribute to the overall effectiveness of the control measure.
- If pupils do not consent to testing they will be readmitted with the rest of their year group.

In response to the guidance we have devised a phased return process which will enable us to test pupils safely and effectively. This is outlined below and includes the dates that each year group will be tested. On the day of their test **pupils must only attend for their test and then return home.** Pupils may attend the test in their own clothes.

Our testing site will be set up in our Gymnasium and pupils will be tested in form tutor groups for their tests on the days specified on the next page. If a pupil tests positive for coronavirus on a lateral flow test then they will need to book a PCR test and self-isolate for 10 days in line with the guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection. If a pupil tests negative, then they will return to school the following day in line with our staggered start arrangements.

As there is a staggered start to the school year, we will be providing Online Learning from Wednesday 5th January for all year groups to access. Further details on this will be communicated later this week.

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Date	Time	Asymptomatic Testing (Gymnasium) Morning		Asymptomatic Testing (Gymnasium) Afternoon	
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	9.00am - 3.00pm	11C - 9.00am 11D - 9.20am 11E - 9.40am 11F - 10am	11H – 10.20am 11J – 10.40am 11K – 11am 11L – 11.20am	9C – 12.10pm 9D – 12.30pm 9E – 12.50pm 9F – 1.10pm	9H – 1.30pm 9J – 1.50pm 9K – 2.10pm 9L – 2.30pm
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	9.00am – 3.00pm	7C - 9.00am 7D - 9.20am 7E - 9.40am 7F - 10am	7H – 10.20am 7J – 10.40am 7K – 11am 7L – 11.20am	8C – 12.10pm 8D – 12.30pm 8E – 12.50pm 8F – 1.10pm	8H – 1.30pm 8J – 1.50pm 8K – 2.10pm 8L – 2.30pm
Thursday 6 th January 2022	9.00am - 11.40am	10C - 9.00am 10D - 9.20am 10E - 9.40am 10F - 10am	10H – 10.20am 10J – 10.40am 10K – 11am 10L – 11.20am	Year 10 pupils should return to school in full uniform for P4 teaching. If your child wishes to stay in school after their test, they can go to the school library.	

Return to School following a negative LFT

Date	Year Groups In School	
Wednesday 5 th January	Year 11 and Year 9	Years 7, 8 & 10 Online Learning
Thursday 6 th January	Year 7, 8, 9 and 11 Year 10 begin lessons P4	Year 10 Online Learning – P1 to P3

If you have not completed the original consent form and would like your child to participate in the testing process and receive the lateral flow test, please follow this link to complete the consent form:

All Year Groups - <https://forms.gle/Hdt3m7gRqgSDm6vL9>

We will only test pupils whose parents/carers have returned the consent forms to us by **9am on Monday 13th December 2021**. It is imperative therefore that this deadline is met.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me using the email nford@redhill.dudley.sch.uk and I will happily answer any questions that you have in regard to the asymptomatic testing programme at Redhill School.

Yours faithfully



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