



3 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following my previous communication, I would like to confirm arrangements for students' return to school from Monday 6 September. We are also really looking forward to welcoming your children back to the Academy in person and the beginnings of a return to normality that this signifies.

I hope you find that this information prepares you and your child well. If you have any questions, please direct them to your child's Head of House in the first instance.

Information for the return to the Academy from Monday 6 September 2021

Lateral Flow Device Testing (LFD)

In line with the government guidance, all students for whom we hold consent, will be LFD tested before they return to school. Ideally, we would like students to all have two tests before they begin lessons. However, logistically, this is not possible and Years 7, 8 and 6th Form students will have their test 2 as part of the normal Academy day on Friday 10 September.

Lateral Flow Device tests are designed to pick up asymptomatic cases and the more people in our Academy community who consent to test, the more protected we all are. If you have not consented to test, then I would strongly encourage you to do so now. This will mean that your child can give others the reassurance that they are not unknowingly infectious. The overwhelming majority have consented to being tested. If you have not previously completed the online LFT consent form and wish your child to be tested onsite, please complete the consent form which can be found on the Academy website [The Bourne Academy - LFD Testing Consent Form](#). When students have completed their second onsite test, they will be provided with home test kits to re-commence twice weekly home testing.

If you do not consent to asymptomatic testing, as is your right, your child will return to school on their year group day, as listed below.

As I am sure you can imagine, testing 1000 students at once is quite an operation, so we need to ask for your help with the first test. Fortunately, the Government has recognised this logistical challenge and has allowed schools to phase our return. Having started mass testing previously, we know how quickly we can test, and we have been able to plan to get students back for face-to-face teaching as quickly as we can. All testing information was sent to you on Wednesday 1 September. If you have not received this, then please check our website [here](#).

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The Academy Day

From Friday 10 September, the Academy day will run as it did in the Summer Term. However, students will now move between their classes which mean our bubbles are expanded to a year group. We will continue with zoned areas for Tutor Groups, break and lunchtime and a staggered start and finish for all year groups. Internally, to ensure safety and ease congestion when moving from one classroom to another, it is really important that students go straight to their classes to minimise face to face contact in the corridors. Students will continue to be expected to sanitise their hands at the beginning and end of lessons. There will also be additional cleaning of communal areas in place. Room layouts will be as consistent as possible with rows to avoid face to face contact with students.

Key Dates in September

- **Thursday 2 September & Friday 3 September - Staff Planning Days (no children in school)**

Monday 6 September 2021

- Test 1 for Year 7, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 students.
- They will return home immediately after the test and are not required to wear Academy uniform.

Tuesday 7 September 2021

- Test 1 for Year 8 and 6th Form students.
- They will return home immediately after the test and are not required to wear Academy uniform.
- (Year 7 students will be attending the Academy as a normal school day – 8.35am from the main entrance. Year 7 students must be wearing correct Academy uniform).

Wednesday 8 September 2021

- No on-site testing.
- (Year 7 and 8 students will be attending the Academy as a normal school day – Year 7, 8.35am from the main entrance. Year 8, 8.20am from the Learning Lane entrance. Year 7 and Year 8 students must be wearing correct Academy uniform).

Thursday 9 September 2021

- Test 2 for Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 students.
- They will return home immediately after the test and are not required to wear Academy uniform.
- (Year 7, Year 8 and Year 12 students will be attending the Academy as a normal school day. Yr7, 8.35am from the main entrance. Yr8, 8.20am from the Learning Lane entrance. Yr 12, 8.35am from the staff car park entrance).

Friday 10 September 2021

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- Test 2 for Year 7, Year 8 and 6th Form students
- This test occurs during the normal Academy day. Students should arrive for their normal Academy day start time, as per below, and be in full Academy uniform.
- ALL year groups will be attending the Academy on this day and should arrive for their normal start time at their specified entrance.

Therefore, term begins for students in **Year 7 on Tuesday 7 September, Year 8 students on Wednesday 8 September, Year 12 students on Thursday 9 September. Years 9, 10, 11 and 13 all start on Friday 10 September.**

Schedule for Day

Breakfast will be available in the Hub for students on their arrival at the Academy between their entry time and tutor line ups.

08:20 – 08:35 Years 8, 10 and 11 enter via their appropriate entrances and go to their outside Zones. Line up at 8.30am and proceed to classroom with tutors (breakfast available between 8.20 and 8.30am).

08:35 – 08:50 Years 7, 9 and 6th Form enter via their appropriate entrances and go to their outside Zones. Line up at 8.45am and proceed to classroom with tutors (breakfast available between 8.35 and 8.45am).

08:50 – 09:10 Tutor Time

09:10 – 10:10 P1

10:10 – 11:10 P2

11:10 – 11:30 Break for all in respective Zones. Students will be able to buy food from the Hub if required. Bell at 11:25am for line up to proceed to next class with relevant teachers.

11:30 – 12:30 P3

12:30 – 13:30 P4

13:30 – 14:00 Lunch for all in respective Zones. Students will be able to buy their lunch from the Hub if required. Any food ordered on the pre-order app will be available for collection in the Hub. Bell at 1:55pm for line up to proceed to next class with relevant teachers.

14:00 – 14:55 P5 for Years 8, 10 and 11. Leave at 2:55pm via their respective entrances

14:00 – 15:00 P5 for Years 7, 9 and 6th Form. Leave at 3:00pm via their respective entrances

Monday P6 will finish at 3:55pm for Years 8, 10 and 11 and at 4:00pm for Years 7, 9 and 6th Form.

Wednesday Same start times as above. Finish times will be 1:30pm for Years 8, 10 and 11 and 1:35pm for Years 7, 9 and 6th Form.

Additional Information

Face Coverings

The rules around face coverings have changed once again and students are no longer required to wear them in lessons. However, where social distancing is not possible in internal communal areas, **if your child wishes to continue to wear a face covering they may, however, it will not be Academy policy to enforce this (in line with national policy).**

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Equipment and Uniform

As per my previous communication, please ensure that your child has all equipment as detailed in their Academy planner ready for return as we cannot lend out items. **Students will be expected to wear full Academy uniform and ensure their hair is a natural colour, make-up and jewellery as per Academy rules and bring their planner and equipment as above.**

Please do try on uniform now so that you know in advance if new items are needed. **Students will be sent home to rectify any infringements or placed in isolation if this is not possible.**

Catering Service

Food service will be returning to normal this term. Students will be able to enter the Hub to purchase their food at break and lunch times. The pre-order app will still be available for ordering lunches (although with a limited menu), with the collection point being in the Hub during lunch times (break time on Wednesdays). Students will be able to eat hot meals in the Hub, but need to return to their year group zones to eat cold food.

Please ensure that if your child is buying food from the Hub that their online cashless school meals account has been topped up through www.scopay.com

Parental appointments and visitors to the Academy

All visitors to reception will be by appointment only. Please do not arrive at reception in the morning and expect to be seen as we will need to ensure that our safety measures are preserved. The protocol is as follows:

- Visitors must book an appointment in advance
- A meeting room will be booked by the member of staff (allowing for 15 min fallow /cleaning time between meetings)
- Visitors will be picked up by the member of staff in the meeting and taken to the booked meeting room

Yours sincerely

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