

15 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Covid 19 – Lateral Flow Testing information**

The Government has now published guidance for schools regarding Covid-19 home testing over the summer holidays and on the return to school in September 2021.

#### Summer Holiday Home Testing

Over the summer holidays the requirement to continue twice weekly testing at home for school students will pause. This means that your child will not need to continue with their lateral flow tests over the summer holidays and the Academy will not be providing any more home test kits to students this term. However, if you find that you do not have enough home test kits to complete the twice weekly testing until the end of the summer term (Friday 23 July), please contact the Academy and we will provide more.

#### On-site testing in September 2021

Schools have been asked to carry out two Covid-19 lateral flow tests on site for all consenting students on their return in September 2021 prior to twice weekly home testing re-commencing.

The Academy will be carrying out the onsite tests as detailed below. Please note that the year groups shown are for the year group your child will be in from September 2021, not their current year group.

#### **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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).

#### **Wednesday 8 September 2021**

No on-site testing.

(Year 7 and 8 students will be attending the Academy as a normal school day).

#### **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).

#### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Test 2 for Year 7, Year 8 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form students

This test occurs during the normal Academy day. Students should arrive for their normal Academy day start time and be in full Academy uniform.

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Many of these tests will take place prior to your child's first day back in the Academy. More details about the time that your child should arrive at the Academy for their test will be provided at the start of September – please look out for this communication.

Please note that further information about the return dates for each year group will be issued shortly.

All students that we currently hold testing consent for will be expected to attend for the onsite testing. If you have not previously provided consent for your child to have the onsite testing, but would like to opt them in, please complete the lateral flow test consent form which can be found on our 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.

Your sincerely

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