



Thursday 8th July, 2021

Asymptomatic Testing - Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Following my letter to you last week we have received confirmation from the DfE that schools are to plan for asymptomatic testing in September.

It has been confirmed that:

- Schools should be ready to test students twice at the start of term.
- The initial test must be offered prior to students returning to the site.
- The second test should be 3 - 5 days after the first.
- Testing remains voluntary.

I would therefore like to share with you our schedule to ensure students can return to school as swiftly as possible in September.

Consent Form

- All parents and students wishing to take part in the mass asymptomatic testing should complete the consent form below by no later than **9.00am on Monday 12th July**.
- Link to consent form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKoapG_I8mJBZGFejEI0voVAoNvaT9vC0n_JGtyW0A6GoFqg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Key Dates

- The table below shows you the allocated day for test 1 and students return to school.

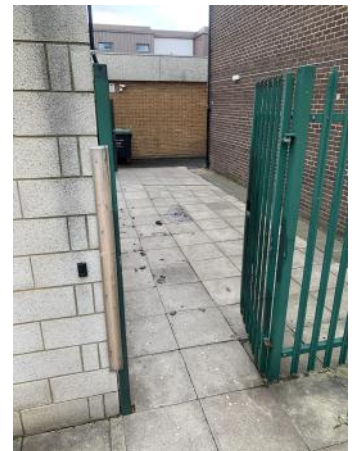
	Date for TEST 1	Return to School Date
Year 7	Monday 6th September	Tuesday 7th September
Year 8	Monday 6th September	Wednesday 8th September
Year 9	Monday 6th September	Wednesday 8th September
Year 10	Tuesday 7th September	Wednesday 8th September
Year 11	Tuesday 7th September	Wednesday 8th September
Year 12	Wednesday 8th September	Thursday 9th September
Year 13	Tuesday 7th September	Wednesday 8th September

Key Information: Testing

- Testing will take place in the gym.
- Students will be invited by appointment to come into school for their first test.
- The first testing appointments will be organised according to pupils' house / pastoral group.
- It is vital that students arrive in line with their allocated appointment slot and then leave the school site immediately following their testing.
- Students should make their way to the back car park and enter the school site via the gate close to the dining hall.
- For our new students the images to the right / below should make it clear which entrance they should use.



- Students will be met at the green gate by a member of staff and will be asked to line up prior to entering the gym.
- Again for our new students the pictures to the right / below should give an indication of where they are required to enter / line up.



- Students do not need to wear a school uniform for testing.
- Students will be given a card with details of how to register their test online. This includes the registration of the barcode assigned to the test. This can be done for up to 24 hours after the test.
- Students will then be notified of their results via text/email [please see guidance attached].
- If a student receives a positive result they are required to [book a confirmatory PCR test](#). The Government advice is to visit a community or drive through test site as this is the quickest way to get tested, or you can order a home test kit. It is important that they self-isolate until the result of their PCR test. We will also contact you as soon as possible if this is the case.

Testing Schedule

- The table on the following page provides you with allocated time slots by Year Group / Pastoral.
- Students should arrive in good time for their allocated slot.
- Once we return to school we will share with you the schedule for test 2.

If there are any changes to our plans I will write to you on Thursday 2nd September with an update. In the meantime please use our house emails if you have any queries.

St Bernadette	St Catherine Laboure	St John Fisher	St Therese	Sixth Form
s_stbqueries@ stthomasmore.or g.uk	s_stclqueries@ stthomasmore.or g.uk	s_stjfqueries@ stthomasmore.or g.uk	s_sttqueries@ stthomasmore.or g.uk	s_6frmqueries@ stthomasmore.or g.uk

Yours sincerely

Mr J Parkinson
Headteacher

Test 1 Schedule

Monday 6th September			Tuesday 7th September			Wednesday 8th September		
15 minutes per pastoral			15 minutes per pastoral			15 minutes per pastoral		
Time	Year	Tutor Group	Time	Year	Tutor Group	Time	Year	Tutor Group
8:15	9	B1	8:15	10	B1	8:45	12	B1
8:30	9	B2	8:30	10	B2	9:00	12	B2
8:45	9	CL1	8:45	10	CL1	9:15	12	CL1
9:00	9	CL2	9:00	10	CL2	9:30	12	CL2
9:15	9	JF1	9:15	10	JF1	9:45	12	JF1
9:30	9	JF2	9:30	10	JF2	10:00	12	JF2
9:45	9	T1	9:45	10	T1	10:15	12	T1
10:00	9	T2	10:00	10	T2	10:45	12	T2
10:15	BREAK / CATCHUP		10:15	BREAK / CATCHUP		11:00	CATCHUP	
10:45	7	B1	10:45	11	B1			
11:00	7	B2	11:00	11	B2			
11:15	7	CL1	11:15	11	CL1			
11:30	7	CL2	11:30	11	CL2			
11:45	7	JF1	11:45	11	JF1			
12:00	7	JF2	12:00	11	JF2			
12:15	7	T1	12:15	11	T1			
12:30	7	T2	12:30	11	T2			
12:45	LUNCH / CATCHUP		12:45	LUNCH / CATCHUP				
13:30	8	B1	13:30	13	B1			
13:45	8	B2	13:45	13	B2			
14:00	8	CL1	14:00	13	CL1			
14:15	8	CL2	14:15	13	CL2			
14:30	8	JF1	14:30	13	JF1			
14:45	8	JF2	14:45	13	JF2			
15:00	8	T1	15:00	13	T1			
15:15	8	T2	15:15	13	T2			
15:30	CATCHUP		15:30	CATCHUP				
16:00	FINISH		16:00	FINISH				