



Dear Parents and Carers,

12th March 2021

We have now very successfully completed a full week of testing students for asymptomatic Covid-19. Today we were able to get all Year 11 students into lessons before Period 2. They now have only one further test before they are given self-test kits to do at home.

Unfortunately, we will have to continue testing our students until Monday 22nd March. As a result, we will have to stagger student's arrival times at school on four further occasions due to the numbers being tested.

On Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Friday 19th and Monday 22nd, we have two year groups in for testing, which will require us to adjust our procedures. I fully understand that this is not what we had originally planned but, having undertaken testing throughout this first week, we think that it is the best option. We are learning to be very flexible and adaptable.

Monday 15th March and Friday 19th March

Any student who uses school transport including Lacon minibuses come to school as normal. Any student in Year 10 and 7 who can walk to school or can be brought in by car, do so but not until 11.30am.

Those students in Year 10 and 7 who catch a school bus or Lacon minibus should come in as usual and then **Year 7 report to the DINING ROOM** and **Year 10 to the MAIN SCHOOL HALL**.

Those students who can walk or can be brought into school, should arrive at the main reception/office at the end of break time 11.30am and then **Year 7 go to the DINING ROOM** and **Year 10 go straight to the SCHOOL HALL** to register.

Those students who we do not have consent to test from parents, must come to school as normal and go to their DSA at 8.45am.

Tuesday 16th March

Any student who uses school transport including Lacon minibuses come to school as normal.

Any student in Year 8 and 9 who can walk to school or can be brought in by car, do so but not until 11.30am.

Those students in Year 8 and 9 who catch a school bus or Lacon minibus should come in as usual and then **Year 8 report to the DINING ROOM** and **Year 9 to the MAIN SCHOOL HALL**.

Those students who can walk or can be brought into school, should arrive at the main reception/office at the end of break time 11.30am and then **Year 8 go to the DINING ROOM** and **Year 9 go straight to the SCHOOL HALL** to register.

Those students who we do not have consent to test from parents, must come to school as normal and go to their DSA at 8.45am.

Monday 22nd March (Changes due to Year 11 Mock Examinations)

Any student who uses school transport including Lacon minibuses come to school as normal.

Any student in Year 8 and 9 who can walk to school or can be brought in by car, do so but not until 11.30am.

Those students in Year 8 and 9 who catch a school bus or Lacon minibus should come in as usual and then **Year 8 report to the DINING ROOM** and **Year 9 to Room 15 (Music)**.

Those students who can walk or can be brought into school, should arrive at the main reception/office at the end of break time 11.30am and then **Year 8 go to the DINING ROOM** and **Year 9 go straight to Room 15 (Music)** to register.

Those students who we do not have consent to test from parents, must come to school as normal and go to their DSA at 8.45am.

Shropshire Local Authority have produced a 'back to school' video for parents which can be found by following this link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yb8ypCb2dFO>

It clearly emphasises the fact that, although schools are fully open, no other lockdown restrictions have been relaxed. We are still in a national lockdown. I would urge you all to continue to ensure that our children are not in breach of Covid regulations until they are able to be relaxed. We would all like to see a swift end to the current restrictions. By doing what we have been asked we will get there sooner. Please stick to the rules.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Year Leader or me if you require any further information.

Take care, stay healthy and follow the guidance.

Yours sincerely,

Darren Reynolds : Headteacher