

Our ref: JFM/JC

1 March 2021

Dear Parent/carer

Lateral Flow Testing is now being offered to all students (for a total of 3 times) to assist in the identification of asymptomatic cases within the school community.

It has been agreed by Public Health England (PHE) that students can come into school next week to carry out their first Lateral Flow Test which will allow us to commence face-to-face teaching. We will therefore be commencing the Lateral Flow Testing on Monday, 8 March 2021 with the intention of completing the first test for every student (who has provided consent) by Friday, 12 March 2021.

In order to accommodate testing we have allocated times and days by form and year group as shown below. Students consenting to testing must only attend on the allocated day and time. After their test they will return home.

If your child has a mobile phone, they should bring it with them as they can use this to register, so that they receive the test results.

Please see the tables below for the times students should attend.

Year 11 and Post 16 students are to attend for their Lateral Flow Tests on **Monday, 8 March.**

Year 11	Arrive – Go to the A Block	Test Time	Leave site
Beaufort	09:15	09:30	10:00
Hurricane	09:45	10:00	10:30
Lancaster	10:15	10:30	11:00
Spitfire	10:45	11:00	11:30
P16	Arrive – Go to the A Block	Test Time	Leave site
Beaufort	11:15	11:30	12:00
Hurricane	11:45	12:00	12:30
Lancaster	12:15	12:30	13:00
Spitfire	12:45	1pm	13:30

Year 10 students are to attend for their Lateral Flow Tests on **Tuesday 9 March.**

Year 10	Arrive – Go to the A Block	Test Time	Leave site
Beaufort	10:00	10:15	10:45
Hurricane	10:30	10:45	11:15
Lancaster	11:00	11:15	11:45
Spitfire	11:30	11:45	12:15
Tempest	12.00	12.15	12.45
Tempest 2	12.30	12.45	13.15

Year 9 students are to attend for their Lateral Flow Tests on **Wednesday, 10 March.**

Year 9	Arrive – Go to the A Block	Test Time	Leave site
Beaufort	10:15	10:30	11:00
Hurricane	10:45	11:00	11:30
Lancaster	11:15	11:30	12:00
Tempest	11:45	12:00	12:30
Spitfire	12:15	12:30	13:00

Year 8 students are to attend for their Lateral Flow Tests on **Thursday, 11 March.**

Year 8	Arrive – Go to the A Block	Test Time	Leave site
Beaufort	10:15	10:30	11:00
Hurricane	10:45	11:00	11:30
Lancaster	11:15	11:30	12:00
Tempest	11:45	12:00	12:30
Spitfire	12:15	12:30	13:00

Year 7 students are to attend for their Lateral Flow Tests on **Friday, 12 March.**

Year 7	Arrive – Go to the A Block	Test Time	Leave site
Beaufort	09:15	09:30	10:00
Hurricane	09:45	10:00	10:30
Lancaster	10:15	10:30	11:00
Tempest	10:45	11:00	11:30
Tempest 2	11:15	11:30	12:00
Spitfire	11:45	12:00	12:30

The testing will take place in the gym which allows adequate space for social distancing. Our testing stations are being manned by a combination of school support and teaching staff, who will be on hand to guide all students through the process. Can you ask your child to follow the signs which will direct them to the test centre, whilst adhering to social distancing requirements at all times. We expect the process to take approximately 45 minutes, after which all students will be required to leave the premises and, providing they receive a negative test, return to school for lessons the day immediately following their test.

Once students have completed 3 Lateral Flow Tests in school, COVID-19 Self-Test Kits will be provided to be undertaken at home. These kits will not be allocated until a student has completed 3 tests in school. Results from Self-Test Kits will need to be reported to the school; further information will be sent out once the kits are distributed.

Students who have been attending school (key working/vulnerable students), should continue to do so and go for their test at the allocated time.

Students who have symptoms of COVID-19 must not come into school for the Lateral Flow Test, but must book a PCR test immediately. Please can you continue to report any positive cases of students with COVID-19 or students having to self-isolate via the Teams questionnaire.

If you have any information regarding the information given in this letter, please email me via the school email address info@dccacademy.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



Mr Jamie MacLean
Principal