

02/03/21

Dear Parents/Carers

## Re: Reopening Information (Secondary)

Following the government announcement on 22/02/21 to reopen schools from 08/03/21 and my letter dated 26/02/21, I am now able to share with you an overview of our secondary reopening plan. This was approved by a group of Trust Board members during a governance meeting on 26/02/21.

The plan includes a phased return which will involve Lateral Flow Testing of learners three times at 3 to 5 day intervals. Learners and staff will be required to wear a face mask/covering at all times whilst on site, apart from when consuming food and drinks, as appropriate. Some learners and staff will of course be exempt due to medical reasons.

Various factors have been considered in relation to our reopening plans, the main priority being the health and safety of all those involved. All documentation including risk assessments will be updated and made available on the Trust and academy websites. Following this letter, the Principal of each academy will provide further details on the logistics for reopening and expectations of learners.

I am sure you will appreciate that the testing process in school will be a significant undertaking. We believe that it is vitally important to get the process right and therefore it is essential to focus on one year group at a time. We do not want to be in a position where we have to test two year groups in one day as the process is vitally important and cannot be rushed. Therefore, it will be necessary for Year 7 and 8 to return at the later dates as indicated below.

### Overview

Year	Test 1*	Return*	Test 2	Test 3
11	05/03/21 (Fri)	08/03/21 (Mon)	10/03/21 (Wed)	15/03/21 (Mon)
10	08/03/21 (Mon)	09/03/21 (Tue)	11/03/21 (Thur)	16/03/21 (Tue)
9	09/03/21 (Tue)	10/03/21 (Wed)	12/03/21 (Fri)	17/03/21 (Wed)
8	18/03/21 (Thur)	19/03/21 (Fri)	22/03/21 (Mon)	25/03/21 (Thur)
7	19/03/21 (Fri)	22/03/21 (Mon)	23/03/21 (Tue)	26/03/21 (Fri)

\* **Important:** the dates outlined above for Test 1 are for Lateral Flow Testing only. On this day, learners should attend the academy for their test and return home for distance learning. Learners will return to school the next working day after Test 1.

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## Lateral Flow Testing

The below week by week overview provides information on Lateral Flow Testing of our learners.

### Week 1

Year	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
	<u>05/03/21</u>	<u>08/03/21</u>	<u>09/03/21</u>	<u>10/03/21</u>	<u>11/03/21</u>	<u>12/03/21</u>
11	Test 1	Onsite	Onsite	Test 2	Onsite	Onsite
10	Distance*	Test 1	Onsite	Onsite	Test 2	Onsite
9	Distance	Distance	Test 1	Onsite	Onsite	Test 2
8	Distance	Distance	Distance	Distance	Distance	Distance
7	Distance	Distance	Distance	Distance	Distance	Distance

\*Distance = Distance Learning.

### Week 2

Year	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
	<u>15/03/21</u>	<u>16/03/21</u>	<u>17/03/21</u>	<u>18/03/21</u>	<u>19/03/21</u>
11	Test 3	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite
10	Onsite	Test 3	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite
9	Onsite	Onsite	Test 3	Onsite	Onsite
8	Distance	Distance	Distance	Test 1	Onsite
7	Distance	Distance	Distance	Distance	Test 1

### Week 3

Home testing for Years 11, 10 and 9.

Year	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
	<u>22/03/21</u>	<u>23/03/21</u>	<u>24/03/21</u>	<u>25/03/21</u>	<u>26/03/21</u>
11	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite
10	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite
9	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite
8	Test 2	Onsite	Onsite	Test 3	Onsite
7	Onsite	Test 2	Onsite	Onsite	Test 3

It is important to note that all plans are subject to change dependant on government guidance. We will of course keep you updated with any changes.

Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us. I would like to take a moment to thank our staff and our learners for their incredible resilience and determination. In addition, I would like to thank each and every parent/carer for their vital role in helping their child learn from home.

Thank you for your ongoing support and please stay safe and well.

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Yours faithfully

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