

July 2021



Rastrick
High School

Dear Parent/Carer

September Reopening Information

As the country moves to Step 4 of the roadmap, the government has laid out new operational guidance for schools which explains the actions that schools should take to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19. With this in mind, we have been directed by the DfE to prioritise the offer of two Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests on school site to all pupils as school reopens for the new academic year. One of these tests will need to take place, and return a negative result, prior to the students returning to face to face learning in September. As a result, the students will have a staggered start through the first week of term, to ensure we are able to offer each of our 1600+ students access to these LFD tests efficiently and safely.

Students will be allocated a specific testing timeslot on their initial LFD test day; following a negative LFD test, students will commence face to face teaching on the next day. A further letter providing you with your allocated testing slot will follow during the summer break.

Please find below the schedule for initial testing and return to face to face teaching for all year groups:

Date	Initial LFD Test	Start of Academic Year -8.50am
Tuesday 7 September	Year 7 AM – Year 11 PM	
Wednesday 8 September	Year 8 AM – Year 10 PM	Year 7 and Year 11
Thursday 9 September	Year 9 AM	Year 8 and Year 10
Friday 10 September		Year 9

The testing is voluntary, however, the DfE are encouraging as many students as possible to take part in the testing programme. Please can you complete the **consent form via parentmail**, indicating whether you are consenting to the testing programme or not, on behalf of your child. The deadline for this will be Friday 3 September.

Subsequent to the completion of two LFD tests in school, students will be encouraged to continue self-testing twice weekly (test kits will be provided), until it is not necessary to do so. Please note, students are not expected to continue to self-test during the summer break.

Further information regarding the reopening schedule in September will be sent to you during the holiday period.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to RHS in the new school year and thank you for your ongoing support.

We would like to wish you a restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

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