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Dear Families,

I hope you have enjoyed the bank holiday weekend and are now preparing for the return to school. We are very much looking forward to seeing all students back throughout this week, but as you are aware all students are required to take two tests for COVID 19 at the start of term. This is an important measure that will help support the school maintain a safer environment for staff and students. Once both tests have been completed we will be providing test kits that should be completed twice weekly at home until the end of September, when this will be reviewed. **Please note ALL pupils are to wear FULL UNIFORM on their testing and transition days.**

**Arrangements for COVID Tests 1 and 2:**

Date	Activity	Timing
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET - All day ( <b>School closed to all students apart from Year 12 from 1:30pm</b> ) Year 12: Enrolment	1:30pm onwards
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Year 7: Testing and Transition Year 11: Testing and Transition Year 13: Testing and Transition	8:30 am - 10:30 am 10:30 am - 12:00 pm 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 8: Testing and Transition Year 9: Testing and Transition Year 10: Testing and Transition Year 12: Testing and Transition	8:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 1:00 pm 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7: Testing Year 11: Testing Year 12 and 13: Testing	Period 1 Period 2 and 3 Period 4 and 5
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 8: Testing Year 10: Testing Year 9: Testing	Period 1 and 2 Period 3 and 4A Period 4B and 5

As per my previous communication, once students have completed their COVID test on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> of September they will leave the school site. It is anticipated that each year group will only be onsite for two hours. **All students will return to school from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and are expected onto the school site by 8:30am.**

**What if my son / daughter registers a positive result Lateral Flow Test (LFD) Result?**

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Staff and students with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). They will also need to take a PCR test. Whilst awaiting the result of the PCR test, you should continue to self-isolate. If the PCR test is taken within two days of the LFD test and is negative, this overrides the LFD test and as long as the student is not symptomatic they can return to school.

**However, it is extremely important to remember that if your child displays any symptoms, however mild, that they must not come into school, but take a PCR test immediately and isolate until they have the result.** Students who are absent for COVID-19 related reasons will not have this included in their overall absence figures.

### **Self-Isolation**

Individuals will not be required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 if any of the following apply:

- They are fully vaccinated
- They are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- They are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by the NHS Track and Trace, informed that they have been in close contact and advised to take a PCR Test.

### **Control Measures**

We hope that disruption will be minimal in the Autumn Term, but we will continue to maintain a number of COVID-19 protocols:

- Ventilation will be maximised in all classrooms
- Hand sanitisers will be available in all classrooms and communal spaces
- Wherever possible, social distancing will be maintained. In classrooms, all students will sit in their allocated seat based on the teacher's seating plan. This must be followed at all times.
- All members of the school community are permitted to wear face masks in communal areas; students will not be expected to wear them in classrooms, but they may be worn in assemblies and other spaces where social distancing is not possible.
- Lunch times will be split to minimise numbers in the school canteen.
- All students and staff are encouraged to undergo twice weekly lateral flow testing at least until the end of September, when this will be reviewed by the Government.

Additionally we have worked closely with the Local Authority designing a COVID-19 Contingency Plan, which covers our COVID-19 procedures in more detail and what we will do in the event of a cluster of cases at school. I have also attached guidance documents from Lambeth to this letter, and details of the extension of the vaccination programme for 16 and 17 year olds. Thank you in advance for your support with this essential return to school process. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,



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Headteacher