

Parent Update 17/06/21

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Testing

We would like to thank you again for your continued support with Covid-19 LFD home testing. Wherever possible, your child should **continue testing and reporting results twice a week** at home, more importantly given that the number of cases is on the rise again.

Positive Result - If your child tests positive, everyone in the household and any support bubbles your child is part of should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days.

Please inform school as soon as possible.

You should order a confirmatory PCR test as the test was done at home. You can book a PCR test here. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD home-test result.

Void Result - If the result of the test is unclear (void) you should do another test. If the next test is also void, your child should take a PCR test. Negative and void results should still be reported to NHS Test & Trace.

Negative Result - A negative result does not guarantee that your child is not carrying the virus. Therefore, your child should continue to follow social distancing and other measures to reduce transmission, such as wearing a face covering and regularly washing hands.

If your child or anyone in your household gets symptoms of the virus, you should follow national guidelines on self-isolation and testing.

Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 do not have any symptoms but can still pass it on. The aim of the rapid testing is to test as many people as possible to help stop the spread of infections. Therefore, the government is encouraging all adults to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread of coronavirus. You can order tests at: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Unfortunately, we have had reports from local residents that some students are disposing of these kits around the community, on their way home. Please note that these kits can be traced back to your child and appropriate action will be taken if any student is found to be disposing of their testing kit irresponsibly.

Next Academic Year

We are currently planning for September 2021 and hoping that students will not have to be kept in their year group bubbles. Following feedback from staff, parents and students themselves there are certain features we would like to keep:

- staggered end of the day
- single year group lunches (we are proposing to extend the lunch period by another 5 minutes)
- earlier finish

We also would like to add a 10-minute break back in (again this would be in single year groups) and bring back the registration period at the start of the day for 10 minutes also with their tutor.

The proposed plan:

	Mon-Thu		Fri	
8.40	Registration	8.40	Registration	
8.50	Period 1	8.50	Period 1	
9.40	Period 2	9.40	Period 2	including break
10.40	Period 3	10.40	Period 3	
11.30	Period 4	11.30	Period 4	
11.55	Period 4	11.55	Period 4	
12.20	Period 4	12.20	Period 4	
12.45	Period 5	12.45	Period 5	
13.10	Period 5	13.10	Period 5	
13.35	Period 6	13.35	Year 10 & 11 Leave	
14.35	Year 7, 8 & 9 Leave	13.45	Year 7, 8 & 9 Leave	
14.40	Year 10 & 11 Leave			

We are also proposing to keep our parents' evenings online moving forward. If you have any comments or feedback following this consultation please don't hesitate to email enquiries@cvea.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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