

15<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear parent/carer,

## **Year 10 - Returning to school September 2021**

I have now received detailed guidance from the Government regarding the return to school in September and you will be aware from the news that we have been asked to test pupils for Coronavirus using Lateral Flow Tests prior to their return to the classroom. Following their first test pupils will then receive one further test 3-5 days later whilst in school during the school day. Please see the below table for your child's test day and when they are required back in school. Thank you for your support in this as it all adds to our safety once school returns.

If you have not already done so, please complete NHS Test & Trace consent form <https://forms.gle/Wpy167WNYmnd64Sd6> and submit with the consent statement (one per pupil/student).

## **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Lateral Flow Test and return to school**

Date	Testing	Pupils in school On site by 8:35am.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Year 7 pupils come in to school for test on an appointment system and then return home.	-
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Year 10 & 11 pupils come in to school for test on an appointment system (please see below table*) and then return home.	Year 7 Gate A. Alcester Rd.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Year 8 & 9 pupils come in to school for test on an appointment system (please see below table*) and then return home.	Years 7 Gate A. Alcester Rd.  Year 10 & 11 Gate B. Queensbridge Rd.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Year 7 – second test completed whilst in school	All pupils in school  Years 7, 8 & 9 Gate A. Alcester Rd.  Years 10 & 11 Gate B. Queensbridge Rd.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Year 10 & 11 - second test completed whilst in school	All pupils in school
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Year 8 & 9 - second test completed whilst in school	All pupils in school

Pupils should attend at the allocated time stated below as per their surname. Pupils should attend school via the pedestrian gate on Queensbridge Road. Staff will be out and visible to help guide you.

YEAR 10 – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept

First letter of your surname	Time to arrive
A	12.50pm
B	1.05pm
C	1.10pm
D, E or F	1.20pm
G	1.35pm
H	1.40pm
I or J	2.00pm
K or L	2.10pm
M	2.25pm
N, O or P	2.45pm
Q or R	2.55pm
S	3.05pm
T or U	3.25pm
V, W or Y	3.30pm

Once the initial two tests have been completed (each being 3 to 5 days apart), pupils will then be given tests to complete at home on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September; further information will be provided. Lateral Flow Testing is **not** a replacement for current prevention measures and it is essential that everyone continues to wash their hands regularly.

Our website has further information on how Lateral Flow Tests are carried out along with information on data protection and privacy notices. This information can be found here  
<https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/parents/covid-update>

### **Return to school**

**HYGIENE ROUTINES:** Established routines this year will continue. Regularly wash/sanitise hands following break and lunch. Increased cleaning routines will be planned throughout the day and at the end of each school day.

**TRAVEL TO SCHOOL:** There are no parking facilities on Queensbridge road as there are double yellow lines to support pupil safety. Pupils are encouraged to walk or cycle to school.

### **SCHOOL DAY: Amendment to behaviour policy for September:**

In preparation for September Governors have agreed an amendment to the Behaviour Policy. The shape of the day will change in the new term – pupils will be with their form tutor at the start and the end of the day the amendment allows for important restorative conversations where expectation have not been met in lessons. The policy outlines:

**Restorative conversations:** Pupils who have not met the expectations for learning in a lesson can be asked by their teacher to be part of a restorative conversation **for up to 15 minutes after form time at the end of the day, without notification to parents**. If pupils are required for a longer intervention after school parents will be informed in advance by – note in planner, text or phone call.

[A recognition focused school | The School Day \(queensbridge.bham.sch.uk\)](https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk)

**SCHOOL UNIFORM:** Pupils to wear full school uniform from the first day in school. Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform and have the correct equipment at all times please refer to the Uniform letter sent out on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July [bit.ly/QB\\_uniform\\_letter\\_14\\_07](https://bit.ly/QB_uniform_letter_14_07). Further information can be found here: [A recognition focused school | Uniform \(queensbridge.bham.sch.uk\)](https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk)

**PARENT ACCESS TO SITE:** Parents require an appointment to come onto site. To make an appointment contact details are on the school website. Parents are not allowed on site to collect their children and we would ask that should you wish to collect your child from school, this is done at a pre-arranged location so that we do not have a congregation around the exits from school site.

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**COMMUNICATION:** From September, all communication to school should come through [enquiry@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk). Specific communication regarding special educational needs to come through [SEND@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk](mailto:SEND@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk) we aim to respond to all communication within 48hrs. Please do not communicate directly to staff. All communication regarding letters, homework, attendance, reporting and recognition will be available on the 'EduLink' app.

#### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY**

You can check you eligibility for Free School Meals by clicking here:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

- **Ensure that your child knows the time that they need to arrive at school for their test and the date that they return in September.**
- Testing consent form submitted – if not already done.
- Ensure that your child has the relevant equipment for each day.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming pupils back to school in September. If you have any question do not hesitate to contact school.

Have a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely



H Reeves  
**Headteacher**