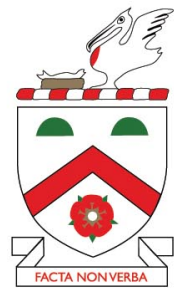


FRED LONGWORTH HIGH SCHOOL



25th August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. When I wrote to you at the end of the summer term I explained that I would need to write to you with an update on the arrangements for the start of term in September, and particularly about the final arrangements for the asymptomatic testing of students. This letter contains the finalised arrangements for the testing and a change regarding consent.

For your reference, this [link](#) takes you to my letter from July. Although the information it contains about testing and consent has changed, it still contains other important information and I would advise that you re-read this as well.

Finalised arrangements for the start of term in September: Asymptomatic Testing.

Based on public health advice and DFE guidelines, asymptomatic testing will take place in school for all students at the start of term. Your child will be offered **two LFT tests** on-site, which should be taken alongside regular testing at home. As part of our testing regime and to help minimise any potential disruption to the start of term, **we are asking all students, and particularly those in Years 8, 9 and 10 to take an LFT test at home on Sunday 5th September**. If your child tests positive, please inform us using the email address covid@flhs.wigan.sch.uk. Your child will need to isolate and you will need to arrange a confirmatory PCR Test. If the PCR test is negative, your child will be able to return to school.

The tests that all the students will undertake in school will be administered by themselves, supervised by trained staff. If your child tests positive they will be asked to self-isolate and then asked to take a confirmatory PCR test, which if negative will allow them to return to school.

Asymptomatic Testing of Year 11 Students Monday 6th September

On Monday 6th September (staff training day) Year 11 students only need to come into school to take their LFT test. Once the test is complete they will need to go home. Year 11 will start the term on Wednesday 8th September. When coming into school for their test on Monday 6th, Year 11 students will need to access school via the Elliot Street entrance and proceed to the Flexible Learning Space at the following times:

11JD	9.00am		11AN	11.00am
11KK	9.20am		11AP	11.20am
11LG	9.40am		11ME	11.40am
11HR	10.00am		11DC	12.00pm
11JB	10.20am		11MS	12.20pm

Asymptomatic Testing of Year 7 Students Tuesday 7th September

To ease transition into school, Year 7 students only will attend school on Tuesday 7th September. All new Year 7 students will need to arrive at school by 8:30am. The Y7 students will be taken for their LFT test in form groups on a rota throughout the day.

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Asymptomatic Testing of students in Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10.

All other year groups will return to school on Wednesday 8th September at 8:30am. Students in Year 10 will take their tests on Wednesday, Year 9 on Thursday and Year 8 on Friday. **It is particularly important that students in these year groups remember to take a home test on Sunday 5th September.**

From Monday 13th September all students will be tested again on a rota during the course of that week.

Consent for testing – this information has changed since the last communication in July

In July an electronic consent form was sent out in order for you to give consent for your child to be tested at the start of term. If you have not done so already, **parents of all new Year 7 students will need to complete this form.** Please look out for this form, it will be sent out again in a separate communication.

For parents of students in all other year groups, we collected your consent when we conducted asymptomatic testing in March. We do not need to collect your consent again which means that you can ignore the electronic form that has been sent out, unless you wish to withdraw your earlier consent or change any contact details.

Easing of Restrictions

During the first few weeks of term, the Covid situation will be monitored carefully by the school and local health bodies. Although all restrictions such as bubbles will be lifted and from September, only positive cases will need to self-isolate, the only caveat to this is if we have what is considered an outbreak in school. In this case, public health authorities may advise us to isolate certain classes or year groups as a result. I sincerely hope it does not come to this. Home testing will be critical in avoiding a situation like this and I encourage all parents to maintain the habit of regular, twice weekly home testing until further notice.

When we return to school in September, students will no longer be required to wear face coverings; although this too may still be subject to change based on the local situation. Any students or staff wishing to continue wearing a face covering in September may do so. We will continue to ensure good ventilation and hand hygiene with sanitiser stations still in operation around the building.

It is important to remember that Covid will still be with us in September. **If your child displays any symptoms of Covid, you should not send them to school** and should report their absence using the student absence line (01942 881986). If your child tests positive for Covid, please inform us using the email address covid@flhs.wigan.sch.uk.

Thank-you for your support. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school for the start of the new academic year.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Davies

Headteacher