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Covid-19 Testing

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with great pleasure I write to inform you of the initial stages of our plans to re-open Horbury Academy, beginning with the on-site lateral flow testing of those pupils for whom we have consent in place to participate in the testing programme.

In order to ensure a smooth re-opening of the academy it is our intention to begin the first test for pupils who have consented to the testing programme this week, from Thursday 4th March and complete all pupils first test by Monday 8th March. By inviting pupils onto site to receive their first test this week, we are then able to welcome all pupils back into their classes in a staggered return for each year group from Monday 8th March. **Further details of this return to face-to-face education will follow in a separate letter on Wednesday 3rd March.**

Understanding the on-site testing process

In order to support parents, carers and pupils to better understand our Lateral Flow Testing programme an assembly can be found on the student SharePoint page. In this assembly, Mr Gilder will provide information for pupils, parents and carers.

Schedule for on-site testing of pupils

All pupils wishing to take an on-site test and where consent is in place, should attend the academy site at the time and dates shown below:

Date of test	Year group to attend site for first test
Thursday 4 th March	Year 11
Friday 5 th March	Year 7 and Year 10
Monday 8 th March	Year 8 and Year 9

Designated times of arrival per year group

On the nominated test day, pupils should attend site at the following times **only**. Please note, due to the number of pupils requiring an on-site test, all pupils must adhere to this strict time schedule. Should your child attend the academy for testing outside of their designated testing time, they may be refused an on-site test:

Thursday 4th March

Year group	Arrival time	Surname
Year 11	9am – 10am	A to F
	10 am – 11am	G to P
	12pm – 1pm	Q to Z

Friday 5th March

Year group	Arrival time	Surname
Year 7	8:00am	A to F
	8:45am	G to P
	9:30am	Q to Z
Year 10	11:30am	A to F
	12:15pm	G to P
	1:00pm	Q to Z

Monday 8th March

Year group	Arrival time	Surname
Year 9	8:00am	A to F
	8:45am	G to P
	9:30am	Q to Z
Year 8	11:30am	A to F
	12:30pm	G to P
	1:30pm	Q to Z

Key information for pupils attending a test on site

1. Only pupils whose parents or carers have consented to the testing programme are eligible to access a test at the time shown. Pupils who attend site without the relevant consents in place will not be permitted to have a test.
2. The academy will not be offering any catch-up tests for pupils who miss their allocated appointment.
3. No pupil should attend site if they are experiencing or have recently experienced coronavirus symptoms. These include a new and continuous cough; a loss of taste or smell; a raised temperature. If your child has any of the symptoms described above parents/carers should organise for a PCR test to be taken in line with government guidance.
4. Pupils must attend site in **full academy uniform** and be wearing their colour coded lanyard and a suitable face covering on arrival.
5. **Face coverings must be worn at all times whilst on academy site.**
6. Pupils will be welcomed onto academy site and directed to the Sports Hall external fire doors. Using the floor markers to support with social distancing – a member of academy staff will be based at the rear of PE to support the safe arrival and queuing of pupils.
7. Pupils will be expected to adhere to strict social distancing guidance once on site. This will be enforced by academy staff members.
8. Pupils should make their way to the academy safely and in line with the current lockdown restrictions which include:
 - a. Remaining 2m from those outside their household.
 - b. Not attending site with groups of other pupils/friends.
 - c. Not waiting for, or congregating with others on or near site, including the nearby areas of Carr Lodge Park and our local parade of shops.
9. Once a pupil completes their test, they will be directed to leave site. Confirmation of their test result will be received via email and/or text message by the end of the day via the NHS service.
10. If your child is attending our Emergency Care Provision, they can continue to do so for the remainder of this week and attend the test centre in line with their allocated time slot.
11. Parents wishing to bring their child to and from academy site must always remain in their vehicle and park considerately of others.

Following our staggered return to the academy site from the 8th March, all pupils will then receive their second and third tests where consent is in place in line with the government guidance prior to being provided with their home testing kits.

If you require any further information in relation to testing, please contact the Academy via our enquires email: enquiries@horbury.accordmat.org

Best wishes,



Mrs N Walker
Principal