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# Saffron Walden County High School

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Dear Parents & Carers

Looking ahead to September, the Government have said that students will need to be tested on the school site before returning to school. They have advised that we should therefore stagger students' return, to allow time for this testing. The testing will follow the same format as in March this year i.e. students will come into school at a designated time (see below), undertake a simple self-administered nose and throat swab, and then leave the site immediately. Assuming they test negative, students will return to school on the next school day. Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September will be week 1. On students' first full day, they will have time with their tutor during periods 1 and 2 before going to lessons from period 3 onwards. The Government have also said that, during their first week back, students will need to have a second test at school.

We will be able to use the consent for the lateral flow testing that you previously provided in March. If you wish to withdraw this consent, please use the link below by 9am on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Link here: [WITHDRAWAL OF CONSENT FORM](#).

I can therefore confirm that students moving into Y9 (i.e. current Y8s) will be tested in school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September (please see the time each form group should come into school below) and, assuming they test negative, will return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

	1st Test
current Y8	Mon 6th Sept
9JWB	11:00
9PJG	11:10
9SBH	11:20
9LXG (currently 8NSW)	11:30
9BCG (currently 8STT)	11:40
9ACH	13:00
9CL	13:10
9KMM	13:20
9FKM (currently 8ALW)	13:30
9CJH	13:40



Please make a note of the above timings. Students should arrive on site 10 minutes before their slot via the Copperfields entrance. They should make their way to A corridor side of Q6 via the school field and line up at 2m distance. After their test, students will leave the site immediately (again, using the Copperfields exit). Students will bring their testing bar code home with them. Parents will then need to register this in order to receive the test result (straightforward instructions will be provided). In the event of a positive test, a member of staff will contact parents on the day of the test.

Thank you for your support with this important measure to help make the return to school in September as safe and as smooth as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Mr M Norman

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