



Tring School

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Dear Parent / Carer

We are writing to outline our planned processes for carrying out the mass testing of students from Monday 8 March. You will receive a notification regarding consent via our new Operoo system which requires your response.

The government has advised that we test all students three times in school, with three to five days between each test. We will stagger the return of students so that they return to school the day after their first test, their second two tests will take place during the school day when students are back in school. Testing is not compulsory; if you choose for your child not to be tested, they will still return to school with the rest of their year group on the allocated return date (your response is still required on the consent form please).

On their first test date, students will not be required to wear their school uniform. The testing will take place in the Desborough Hall. Students will enter the school through the middle pedestrian gate at their allocated time and walk around the side of the school to the front of the Desborough Hall, following our one-way system. As soon as they have had their test they will leave the school site. If you are accompanying your child for their test you will need to park off site as due to our building works, the school site is pedestrian-only between 9.00 am-3.00 pm.

This table outlines the testing schedule for all tests and the return to school dates:

	Test 1 House groups	Return to school 8.40 am	Test 2	Test 3
Year 12 & 13	8 March am 8.30 - 11.30 am	9 March	11 March am	16 March am
Year 11	8 March pm 12-3 pm	9 March	11 March pm	16 March pm
Year 10	9 March am 8.30 - 11.30 am	10 March	12 March am	17 March am
Year 9	9 March pm 12-3 pm	10 March	12 March pm	17 March pm
Year 8	10 March am 8.30 - 11.30 am	11 March	15 March am	18 March am
Year 7	10 March pm 12-3 pm	11 March	15 March pm	18 March pm

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This table outlines the dates and the specific times at which students will receive their first test. Please note that students should arrive at some point between the times stated rather than at the time stated i.e. a Year 10 Claydon student should arrive some time between 9.20am-10.10am on Tuesday 9 March. This is to avoid overcrowding.

Test 1		Ascott	Claydon	Halton	Waddesdon
Monday 8th March	Year 13	8.30 am	8.50 am	9.10 am	9.30 am
	Year 12	9.50 am	10.10 am	10.30 am	10.50 am
	Year 11	12.00pm	12.30 pm	1.00pm	1.30 pm
Tuesday 9th March	Year 10	8.30 am	9.20 am	10.10 am	11.00 am
Tuesday 9th March	Year 9	12.00pm	12.50pm	1.40pm	2.30pm
Wednesday 10th March	Year 8	8.30 am	9.20 am	10.10 am	11.00 am
Wednesday 10th March	Year 7	12.00pm	12.50pm	1.40pm	2.30pm
Test 2		Ascott	Claydon	Halton	Waddesdon
Thursday 11th March	Year 13	8.30 am	8.50 am	9.10 am	9.30 am
	Year 12	9.50 am	10.10 am	10.30 am	10.50 am
	Year 11	12.00pm	12.30 pm	1.00pm	1.30 pm
Friday 12th March	Year 10	8.30 am	9.20 am	10.10 am	11.00 am
Friday 12th March	Year 9	12.00pm	12.50pm	1.40pm	2.30pm
Monday 15th March	Year 8	8.30 am	9.20 am	10.10 am	11.00 am
Monday 15th March	Year 7	12.00 pm	12.50 pm	1.40 pm	2.30 pm
Test 3		Ascott	Claydon	Halton	Waddesdon
Tuesday 16th March	Year 13	8.30 am	8.50 am	9.10 am	9.30 am
	Year 12	9.50 am	10.10 am	10.30 am	10.50 am
	Year 11	12.00pm	12.30 pm	1.00pm	1.30 pm
Wednesday 17th March	Year 10	8.30 am	9.20 am	10.10 am	11.00 am
Wednesday 17th March	Year 9	12.00pm	12.50pm	1.40pm	2.30pm
Thursday 18th March	Year 8	8.30 am	9.20 am	10.10 am	11.00 am
Thursday 18th March	Year 7	12.00 pm	12.50 pm	1.40 pm	2.30 pm

We will be testing students using lateral flow devices. These are being used widely to identify people who have coronavirus but are asymptomatic. By testing, we will help to reduce the spread through asymptomatic transmission. We are, therefore, strongly encouraging those returning to school to be tested.

We are not asking parents to accompany students for testing but you can do so if you think that your child will require your support, you will be able to indicate this on the consent form.

Those taking the test will do it themselves, supervised by school staff who have completed the required NHS training. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose and throat.

We recognise that the self-swabbing part of the test may cause significant concerns for some children and young people with SEND and their families. Parents and carers may want to look at the [Mass Testing Guidance for Specialist Settings](#) for further information. If you are unable to accompany your child but feel they will need specific support, please email your child's key worker or Head of House to make appropriate arrangements.

We will register students for the tests in school using the online NHS system. **For KS3 and 4 students, it would speed up the registration process if students know their home address and postcode, parent's email and mobile phone number; please can you ensure that your child has this information when they come for their test.** Results will be shared directly with the parent/carer via text/email from the online NHS system.

KS5 students will register using their own details and will receive their test results directly via text/email from the online NHS system.

If a student tests positive on a lateral flow device they will be informed immediately by the school and parents will be contacted to come and collect them. Students and families will then be required to isolate in line with government guidance. The previous protocol will apply if students/school staff are confirmed as close contacts in school.

Following on from the initial lateral flow tests conducted in schools, students and staff in secondary schools will be supplied with lateral flow test kits to self swab and test themselves twice a week at home. Staff and students will be required to report their result to NHS Test and Trace as soon as the test is completed either online or by telephone, as per the instructions in the home test kit. Staff and students should also share their result, whether void, positive or negative, with their school to help with contact tracing. We will share systems for communicating this information with us nearer the time.

This testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

Please take some time to read this [Privacy Statement](#) which details how data is collected and stored in relation to the lateral flow testing.

Please contact us, by emailing tringschool@tringschool.org, if you have any questions.

We greatly appreciate and thank you once again for your support.

Yours faithfully,

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