



Dear Parent/Carer,

March 2021

Re: Year 7 Mass Testing Programme

Further to the school comms sent home last week, the timetable for the mass testing programme has now been finalised and is outlined below.

Every student who is part of the programme needs to be tested three times with 3 to 5 days between tests. We would like all staff and students within the Academy to be part of this process.

As your child's return to school date is Thursday 11th March, please ensure you bring your child to the Academy on Wednesday 10th March at the appropriate time slot in order to be tested. Students **must** enter the gym on their own, you are able to wait in the car park for them. The remaining tests will occur when students are in school, scheduled around their lessons.

Timings	Wednesday 10th March	Monday 15th March	Thursday 18th March
9.00 - 9.30	7CA1	7CA1	7CA1
9.30 - 10.00	7CA2	7CA2	7CA2
10.00 - 10.30	Colossus	Colossus	Colossus
10.30 - 11.00	7EA1	7EA1	7EA1
11.00 - 11.30	7EA2	7EA2	7EA2
11.30 - 12.00	Victory	Victory	Victory

If you have not yet filled in the consent **and** registration forms, please do so if you would like your child to be tested. The forms to complete are: [Covid 19 testing - Consent form](#) and [Covid19 testing - Registration form](#)

We are overwhelmed by the response to this and already have 1450 forms completed. We cannot progress with your child's testing if these are not completed.

Key Points and Information:

- Please register your child on the NHS track and trace app – see information leaflet attached. We will inform you separately if your child tests positive.
- Due to the complexity of the plan, we cannot see students at different times to those stated above. Please ensure you are aware of your child's appointment time. If several students arrive at once, please wait patiently and adhere to social distancing rules.
- Students must **enter via the gym** on their own, this will be clearly signposted. The process should take 10 minutes and students will leave site immediately after, through a one-way system via the main reception. Parents/Carers are able to wait in the car park for them.



- Make sure your child has a **face covering** on when they arrive as they will be denied entry without one.
- Students will self-administer the test under supervision. We will support your child through this process but due to the volume of testing we will be arranging, if the child refuses, we will have to ask them to leave without the test taking place.
- Please be mindful that this is the first time we have run a programme like this so be patient with us if things become a little delayed.
- Importantly this programme is for **asymptomatic staff and students** so can I please remind you if your child has any Covid symptoms they **must not attend** this testing programme.

If your child has already tested positive.

If we are aware that your child has tested positive over the last 90 days but has now finished their isolation period, they do not need to engage with this programme as they will still test positive although they are no longer contagious. Your child will be able to return into the Academy for face-to-face teaching when this starts again.

Learning and Live Lessons from Monday 1st March until 13th March

As we phase back into school, learning will take different formats. Your child may have less live lessons in favour of work set on Microsoft Teams. This is to allow staff to prepare the curriculum, assessments and arrange the Covid-19 Testing.

In addition, live lessons will not be available on the days your child's year group is being Covid-19 tested. Your support is appreciated during this period of change.

I would like to personally thank all the parent's, volunteers and staff who have given up their time to prepare for this by undertaking the training programme to make this process possible.

We look forward to Year 7 students returning to face-to-face lessons in the Academy on Thursday 11th March.

If you have any queries concerning this, please do not hesitate to email: twhiteman@thehazeleyacademy.com

Kind regards

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