



RUTLISH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

YEAR 9

Further to my update last week, we have been finalising our plans for testing students and welcoming them back to school.

Testing for Covid19 using Lateral Flow Device (LFT) Tests

Students are invited in to have their test by tutor group, on the date and times below. Please make sure your son attends at the time stated.

Students:

- must arrive at the Watery Lane entrance and will be directed to the Hall.
- should not arrive earlier than the time given
- can wear their own clothes
- return straight home once their test is completed

Date	Tutor Group	Time
Wednesday 10th March	Carthaginians	11.15am
	Kelts	11.30am
	Parthians	11.45am
	Vikings	12 noon
	Spartans	1.50pm
	Trojans	2.05pm
	Argonauts	2.20pm
	Romans	2.35pm

If you have not yet given consent please follow this link: [Consent Form](#) and your son can attend at the time given for his tutor group.

We appreciate that students may be nervous about taking the test. There will be staff available to support them and we have produced a video to give them an overview of what will happen [Testing at Rutlish](#).

The NHS have also produced an instruction video [NHS Information for students about Lateral Flow Test \(LFT\) - Bing video](#).



There will be no live lessons for this year group on their testing day and teachers will place work on Teams and Fronter. Students not taking part in testing do not need to attend school on test day.

Children of critical workers and vulnerable students

Children of critical workers and vulnerable students should continue to attend school.

Test Results

Students will be informed as soon as possible (usually within 30 minutes) if they have tested positive or if the test was void.

If a student receives a positive test result they will be required to self-isolate for 10 full days from the date after their test was taken. Teachers will post work onto Teams and Fronter for students to complete if they are self-isolating.

All other students will be informed of their negative result later on the day of their test. It is important to be aware that this does not guarantee that the student does not have Covid-19 as the LFD tests specifically pick up people who have a high viral load of the disease. Students should still ensure that they practise good hygiene, wear a face covering and maintain social distance from others, even after a negative result.

Students will take 3 tests in school, after which they will be provided with testing kits to conduct at home. We will confirm the arrangements for these other tests at a later date.

Returning to face to face teaching: Year 9

Students should follow the timetable below:

Monday 8 th March	Tuesday 9 th March	Wednesday 10 th March	Thursday 11 th March	Friday 12 th March
Teaching resources on Teams and Fronter.	Teaching resources on Teams and Fronter.	Attend school at allocated time for Covid19 test.	Arrive at 8.30am via Mostyn Road gate.	Arrive at 8.30am. normal timetable commences.
		Teaching resources on Teams and Fronter.	Line up in Centenary Square.	Go straight to tutor room.
			Extended tutor time until 9.50am. Lessons from Period 2, week 1.	Lessons from Period 1.

Arrival will be via the same entrance as last term:

Watery Lane Year 7 & 8
Mostyn Road Year 9, 10, 11 and RR6

The end of the day will continue to be a staggered finish:

Year 7 2.40pm
Year 8 2.45pm
Year 9 & 10 2.50pm
Year 11, 12 & 13 3pm

Uniform

Students will be required to wear full school uniform and shoes when they return to school.

Lunch

Please ensure there are sufficient funds on your child's Parentpay account if they would like to purchase food from the canteen. Lunch arrangements will be the same as last term.

Face Coverings in Lessons

Guidance from the Department for Education stipulates that face coverings should be worn in classrooms, corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot be maintained. In the majority of our classrooms it is not possible for students to maintain social distancing of 2 metres, therefore, we strongly advise all students to wear a face covering during lessons, unless they classify for exemption. Please notify your Head of Year if your child is exempt.

We advise all students to bring at least two face coverings into school with them. Students should clean their hands before and after they put on and remove their coverings, so we also advise all students to have a bottle of hand sanitiser with them throughout the day or use the hand sanitizer provided around the school. Please note that face visors or shields should not be worn as an alternative to face coverings.

Covid19 Measures

We will continue to have adjustments in place to ensure the wellbeing of students and staff. Our risk assessment can be found on our website [Rutlish School - Covid19](#). At break and lunchtimes students will continue in their year group "bubbles".

Return of loaned equipment

The return of laptops, webcam and other loaned equipment will commence the week of 15th March and we will send out further details on how this will be done.

GCSE, BTEC and A'Levels

Ofqual released the details of how grades for GCSE, A Levels and vocational qualifications will be awarded this summer. We are looking at the details of this and will update parents in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Howarth
Headteacher

