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Monday 19th July 2021

Return to School NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for students

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the Headteacher's letter last week you will be aware that we are planning a phased return for all students when we return in September. The reason for the phased return is because there is an expectation by the government and Public Health England that all secondary school children will be tested upon their return to school prior to them going back into the classroom. Whilst testing is not compulsory, we are hoping you will support us in Asymptomatic Testing to ensure that all students and staff can return to school safely.

Please note that the Asymptomatic tests which will be carried out in September in school will be **nasal tests only** and are called Orient Gene Lateral Flow Tests. These are different to the Lateral Flow tests that we have supplied your child with to date.

We are asking all students to be tested the day before school starts for their respective year group. Please see below your child's day and test time.

Your child does not have to wear school uniform for the test and the whole process will take no more than 15 minutes. We encourage parent/carers to drop their children off near to school and then wait for them to take them home immediately after their test. We will contact anyone who tests positive, and your child should receive notification of their test result within 24 hours from the NHS.

Please ensure your child arrives 5 minutes ahead of their test time.

Students must only arrive on the school site at their specified time and will be directed to go to the school sports hall via the side fire exit doors, accessed via the main car park.

All students are being tested in their respective form groups.

Students are expected to then , attend school as normal, in full school uniform, the day after their first test date set out below.

I am sure you appreciated this is a massive undertaking for a school with over 1700 students and we thank you and the students in advance of this return to school. I will email and post on the school social media outlets the specific times for year groups in the week leading up to our return as a reminder.

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. We can also offer additional support for any students with an EHCP or who have any anxiety about the testing.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and students to remain in school safely. Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms. By testing, we will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our school open as safely as possible.

If your child has tested positive for COVID within the last 90 days (since the 1st June) they **do not** need to engage in the onsite Orient Gene Lateral Flow Testing. **Please inform the school via enquiries@tretherras.net if this is the case so we can update our internal records.**

All students will then be tested a 2nd time during the week beginning 6th September and this will take place during the normal school day.

What if a student tests positive?

Participating staff and students who test positive will be informed about their results individually. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be notified. Guidance on safe travel and additional precautions will be provided along with test results.

Students with a positive result will need to take a further 'PCR test' (similar to those done in local and regional testing sites) on the same day (or as soon as possible). If this is the case, please visit www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119 to book a follow-up test. If ordering a PCR test yourselves, you should choose to visit a drive-through/walk through test site if possible, as it is faster than requesting a home test.

Programme of Student Test and Go at Newquay Tretherras in September

Student Return Years 7/12/13 Wednesday 1 st September		Student Return Years 11 & 9 Thursday 2 nd September		Student Return Years 8 & 10 Friday 3 rd September	
Time	Form Group	Time	Form Group	Time	Form Group
8:30	FLB	8:30	CLR	8:30	CES
8:45	HAB	8:45	DJB	8:45	CGH
9:00	NAC	9:00	ECB	9:00	CJT
9:15	MJJ	9:15	ITV	9:15	DWT
9:30	GAJ	9:30	JSW	9:30	EMH
9:45	YHK	9:45	KAS	9:45	EMW
10:00	LSN	10:00	ROG	10:00	CR
10:15	KHP	10:15	MOL	10:15	KF
10:30	ANR	10:30	PES	10:30	KIC
10:45	SGS	10:45	RHK	10:45	LOJ

Break		Break		Break	
11:15	EIW	11:15	BJM	11:15	SGR
11:30	GIB	11:30	BMS	11:30	ACR
11:45	ATM	11:45	EJA	11:45	ADT
12:00	CAH	12:00	ERA	12:00	EJF
12:15	DJM	12:15	ESH	12:15	JDK
12:30	ECC	12:30	LCS	12:30	JED
12:45	TEF	12:45	JSS	12:45	KHS
13:00	JH	13:00	KSB	13:00	LJE
Lunch		Lunch		Lunch	
13:55	LJF	13:55	PPV	13:55	MEC
14:10	SLH	14:10	SAP	14:10	SKY
14:30	TRW	14:30	SIR	14:30	SMB
14:45		14:45	TAW	14:45	ACM

Therefore, students' full return to school is as follows:

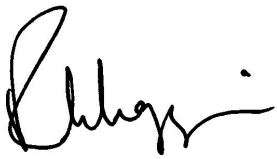
Year 7 and 12 – Thursday 2nd September

Year 9, 11 and 13 – Friday 3rd September

Year 8 and 10 – Monday 6th September

Please do not hesitate to contact the school via the enquiries@tretherras.net email if you have any questions about the return to school programme for September.

Yours sincerely



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