



20th July 2021

Dear Families

Covid 19 – Autumn Testing Arrangements (Years 8 to Year 13)

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme. The asymptomatic testing programme is being paused over the summer holidays in schools, but if you wish to continue testing you can access rapid lateral flow test kits from your local pharmacy or the Covid Testing hub in Woodford Way, Witney.

We are unsure about the Covid situation we will be facing in September, so we want to be prepared for all scenarios. Subject to public health advice, we plan to offer each student two tests on site before continuing regular testing at home. Testing is important because staff and students without symptoms could be carrying the virus and may spread it to others. Testing staff and students without symptoms supports the school to operate as safely as possible.

The testing programme site for Henry Box students and staff will be based on-site in the Mary Box Room. Tests will be based on self-swabbing, with the processing and other roles being undertaken by school staff and approved volunteers. The test is an LFD (Lateral Flow device – Orient Gene) that gives results within 15 minutes. Any students with a positive result will be sent home to self-isolate. They will need to do a confirmatory PCR test. If that is positive then they must self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the PCR test.

When attending the school testing site, all participants (test subjects) will be asked to wear a mask unless they are exempt (a mask can be provided if the test subject has forgotten to bring one). Test subjects will need to bring their smart phone if they have one, to register for their test. On arrival at the testing hub in school, they will be asked to scan a QR code which takes them to the registration site for an LFD asymptomatic coronavirus test on the gov.uk website. They will be given a barcode for their test by the Registration Assistant. If they already have an NHS login, they will need to know it for this process. If they don't have an NHS login they can either set one up as part of their registration for the test, or register for the test without a login. Testing subjects are required to do their own swab. All testing subjects will have one on one support from the Testing Assistant, who will talk them through the process and offer support and reassurance. Once your child has taken the test, they will receive the result in 15 minutes. If they registered for the test with their own device the results will be sent to them. If the school registered them, a staff member will inform them of the results if it is positive.

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The consent form previously submitted, at the beginning of the year, still applies for this testing, so there is no need to complete another form. A student may decide not to attend the test even though consent has been given. Students aged 16 and over can consent to their own test without needing consent from a parent or carer. Consent can be withdrawn at any time by emailing office.4050@henrybox.oxon.sch.uk

We plan to start testing on Wednesday 1st September 2021. Every student will have the opportunity to be tested before starting school on 7th September. This is test 1.

The testing timetable is shown below. Please ensure that your children arrive on time and do not gather in groups before or after the test, in line with Government guidance.

Wednesday 1st September TEST 1	Covid Test Appointment. Please arrive in the allocated time slot for your House
Year 11 - Churchill	9:00 - 9:20am
Year 11 - Newton	9:25 - 10:00am
Year 11 - Nightingale	10:05 - 10:30am
Year 11 - Redgrave	10:35 - 11:15am
6th Form - ABA	12:00
6th Form - BTO	12:30pm
6th Form - JAR	1:00pm
6th Form - MKI	1:30pm
6th Form - NHI	2:00pm
6th Form - RSM	2:30pm
6th Form - KMO	3:00pm

Thursday 2nd September TEST 1	Covid Test Appointment. Please arrive in the allocated time slot for your House
Year 7 - Churchill	9:00 - 9:35am
Year 7 - Newton	9:35 - 10:15am
Year 7 - Nightingale	10:15 - 10:55am
Year 7 - Redgrave	10:55 - 11:25am
Year 8 - Churchill	12:00 - 12:35pm
Year 8 - Newton	12:40 - 1:15pm
Year 8 - Nightingale	1:20 - 2:00pm
Year 8 - Redgrave	2:05 - 2:45pm

Friday 3rd September TEST 1	Covid Test Appointment. Please arrive in the allocated time slot for your House
Year 9 - Churchill	9:00 - 9:35am
Year 9 - Newton	9:35 - 10:15am
Year 9 - Nightingale	10:15 - 10:55am
Year 9 - Redgrave	10:55 - 11:25am
Year 10 - Churchill	12:00 - 12:35pm
Year 10 - Newton	12:40 - 1:15pm
Year 10 - Nightingale	1:20 - 2:00pm
Year 10 - Redgrave	2:05 - 2:45pm

Monday 6th September TEST 2	Covid Test Appointment. Please arrive in the allocated time slot for your House
Year 11 - Churchill	9:00 - 9:20am
Year 11 - Newton	9:25 - 10:00am
Year 11 - Nightingale	10:05 - 10:30am
Year 11 - Redgrave	10:35 - 11:15am
6th Form - ABA	12:00
6th Form - BTO	12:30pm
6th Form - JAR	1:00pm
6th Form - MKI	1:30pm
6th Form - NHI	2:00pm
6th Form - RSM	2:30pm
6th Form - KMO	3:00pm

On Monday 6th September family/tutor meetings take place (Years 8-11). If your child's Covid test appointment clashes with your family/tutor appointment, please email office.4050@henrybox.oxon.sch.uk to rearrange your child's Covid test appointment.

Tuesday 7th September TEST 2	Covid Test Appointment. Students will be reminded by tutors of the allocated House time slot
Year 7 - Churchill	9:00 - 9:35am
Year 7 - Newton	9:35 - 10:15am
Year 7 - Nightingale	10:15 - 10:55am
Year 7 - Redgrave	11:30 - 11:55am
Year 8 - Churchill	12:00 - 12:35pm
Year 8 - Newton	12:40 - 1:15pm
Year 8 - Nightingale	1:20 - 2:30pm
Year 8 - Redgrave	2:35 - 3:10pm

Wednesday 8th September TEST 2	Covid Test Appointment. Students will be reminded by tutors of the allocated House time slot
Year 9 - Churchill	9:00 - 9:35am
Year 9 - Newton	9:35 - 10:15am
Year 9 - Nightingale	10:15 - 10:55am
Year 9 - Redgrave	11:30 - 11:55am
Year 10 - Churchill	12:00 - 12:35pm
Year 10 - Newton	1:00 - 2:05pm
Year 10 - Nightingale	2:10 - 2:50pm
Year 10 - Redgrave	2:55 - 3:25pm

Thank you for your continued support.

Your sincerely

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