

5th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It will be a relief to have the children back in school from next week. We started the mass testing programme on Thursday and it has progressed very smoothly. As I write we have completed the testing of over 450 students in two days.

Our website contains all the key information for students returning to school:

<http://weyvalley-academy.co.uk/parents/covid19-information-2021/>

The key messages are:

- Students return at normal times and will follow the same routines as we had in place last term.
- Attendance is vital and the Government have reinstated all the legal attendance regulations as from Monday 8th March.
- Bring two masks.
- Their timetable will be the same and they will be in Year bubbles.
- The canteen will be open but please bring a water bottle
- Students need to be in correct uniform which includes having natural hair colour (I have seen some interesting colour recently!)
- Those students who have already been tested arrive at the normal start time on Monday. Those students in Year 9 who will be tested on Monday arrive at their allocated test time and then stay in school for the remainder of the day.
- Year 8 complete remote learning on Monday and then come into school at their designated testing time on Tuesday and remain in school.

Year 11 Assessments:

We have placed a recording of last night's presentation for Year 11 students and parents / carers about how GCSE and Vocational qualification grades will be awarded this summer on the website. If you were unable to attend last night's meeting please take the time to watch the presentation.

<http://weyvalley-academy.co.uk/pupils/year11information/>

Wey Valley Oversubscribed:

This week the school places for next September were released and Wey Valley is full and has a waiting list of students wanting to come here which is fantastic.

I am delighted that so many families have placed their trust in the academy and my team's ability to provide the best possible education for their children.

Lateral Flow Tests for Households and Support Bubbles:

This quick and simple test will assist us in keeping the school a safe place for staff and students.

The Government have confirmed that, as well as staff and pupils testing as already communicated, members of households, childcare or support bubbles of school staff and pupils can now access a twice-weekly lateral flow test.

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The lateral flow tests can be obtained:

- through your employer - if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

If you do not have access to a testing programme through your employer, please do use the link below to understand more details about how you can access testing.

Please remember that lateral flow tests are for people who do not have symptoms. If you have symptoms of coronavirus; a temperature, continuous cough or loss of taste and/or smell, or if you get a positive lateral flow test, you should isolate and book a PCR Test.

All of the information is available at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>.

Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and as lockdown restrictions gradually ease, we all need to play our part to help protect each other.

What if your child contracts Covid and has to Self isolate?

If your child has to isolate we have ensured that there is remote learning available for them to engage with immediately. They simply follow the links on the website.

<http://weyvalley-academy.co.uk/pupils/remote-learning/>

Important:

If your son or daughter has tested positive for Covid within the last 90 days they should not do a Lateral Flow Test as it could show a false positive due to the residue effects of their body fighting the virus. Please contact your child's Head of Year if this applies to them.

Please remember we are always happy to answer any questions and support you and your children if where we can.

Have a good weekend

Yours faithfully



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