



Armthorpe Academy

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

16th July 2021

Dear Year 6 Parent/Carer

You may be aware that the government announced last week that all secondary school children should be offered two Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) at an Asymptomatic Testing Site (school), 3-5 days apart, on their return to school in September. This means, with parental consent, we must replicate the process we implemented when we returned to school in March following the last lockdown. Tests need to be completed at school so they can be registered and recorded for national monitoring purposes.

We appreciate this is a new process for Year 6 families. Although testing is not mandatory, we would encourage you to give consent for your child to be involved in the process. Over 95% of our students voluntarily took part in the process in March and have been testing weekly since. Asymptomatic testing along with other preventative measures in school have helped to keep our school community largely safe and well during the last few months. The testing is very straightforward and nothing to be afraid of. Students complete themselves with support from our staff. Please click on the following link to a video created in March for you to watch with your child.
<https://youtu.be/zTg9F3tbU0U>

Further information regarding Lateral Flow Testing can be found on our website by following this link
[Armthorpe Academy - Lateral Flow Testing](#)

As a school, we are now well rehearsed in this process so we are confident that this should be a relatively seamless process. Our students have responded with fantastic maturity and shown great responsibility. We anticipate our new Year 7 cohort will respond in exactly the same way. The table overleaf details session times for each year group. The first Year 7 session has been timetabled independently to enable you to bring your child to school and wait outside the hall should you wish. We have to minimise numbers inside, otherwise it defeats the object of asymptomatic testing. Your child will need to bring with them a mobile phone to register their test; we will provide step by step support with this process. Do not worry if they do not have a device, we will register for them in school, but it helps the speed of the process if students have a device they can use.

The testing takes approximately 30 minutes in total. 5 minutes to complete the test and 25 minutes to process and record the result. You do not need to make an appointment, but please be mindful that a queuing system will be in operation. Our Sports Hall is set up to enable us to test 60 students at any given point.

This process is about protecting one another by identifying members of our school community who may be carrying the virus but not displaying any symptoms. Given the loosening of restrictions over the Summer break it becomes an even more important process. We cannot make your child participate, but we strongly encourage it. Please complete the form below to provide parental consent:

<https://bit.ly/3iezLnK>

If you do not wish to consent, then you should arrive at school for your enrolment appointment at the time allocated to you.

Thank you in anticipation for your support to help keep our school community safe. We look forward to working with you in September.

Kind regards

Date	Year Group	Time
Wednesday 1st September	7 – Test 1	4:00 – 6:00 pm The leadership team will run this session after the staff training.
Thursday 2nd September It is not necessary for students to wear school uniform for test one.	11 – Test 1	8:30 – 10:00 am
	10 – Test 1	10:30 – 12:00 am
	9 – Test 1	12:30 – 2:00 pm
	8 – Test 1	2:30 – 4:00 pm
Friday 3rd September All students will need to wear school uniform.	Enrolment Day as planned for all students.	Individual family appointment to be emailed.
Desks will be socially distanced to enable one parent/carer to attend with each child. We recommend Parents/Carers complete a LFT at home prior to arrival. Students will attend their 30 minute appointment as planned and then go home.		

The following week, we will need to slightly stagger start times until second tests have been completed:

- **Year 7** will return to school as planned on **Monday 6th September at 8:30am**. The second test will be completed immediately and then students will begin to follow their timetable. Attendance from this point onwards is compulsory.
- **Year 11** will return on **Monday 6th September at 11:00am**. Testing will be completed and then students will return to lessons, unless obviously a positive result is returned in which case parents/carers will be contacted immediately.
- **Year 10** will return on **Tuesday 7th September at 8:30am**. Testing will be completed and then students will return to lessons.
- **Year 9** will return on **Tuesday 7th September at 11:00am**. Testing will be completed and then students will return to lessons.
- **Year 8** will return on **Tuesday 7th September at 1:30pm**. Testing will be completed and then students will be ready to return to school on Wednesday.