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Dear Parents and Carers

Phased Return to College for Years 8 to 13 (Note: Year 7 will be receiving a separate letter)

I would like to remind you we are having 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 for all secondary school children to be tested upon their return to College, prior to going back into the classroom.

Whilst testing is not compulsory, we are hoping that you will support us in 'asymptomatic testing' to ensure that all students and staff can return to College safely. Please note that the asymptomatic tests which will be used on this occasion are the Orient Gene rapid nose-only tests. We also strongly recommend that a lateral flow test is carried out at home the day before their College appointment. Infection rates are very high in Cornwall, so the more precautions we can take to open safely the better.

If your child has tested positive for COVID within the last 90 days (since the 1 June) they do not need to engage in the onsite Orient Gene Lateral Flow Testing. If this is the case please inform the College via covid@helston.cornwall.sch.uk so we can update our internal records.

Please refer to the following "Testing Schedule" to identify your child's day and test time. The timetable will also be published on our College website.

Years 7 to 11 will be tested in their respective tutor groups and Years 12 and 13 in alphabetical groups based on surname. 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.

Your child does not have to wear school uniform for the test but we would like them to wear a face covering/mask (unless exempt). Please can we ask that students arrive at the North Site College Site and go directly (via the outside of the building) to the Sports Hall and enter through the side "fire exit" doors.

Students will be released immediately after completion of their test and able to return home. We will contact anyone who tests positive shortly after the test has been processed. 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. When ordering a PCR test, you should choose to visit a drive-through/walk through test site if possible, as it is faster than requesting a home test.

TESTING SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Year Group	Tutor Group	Arrival Time Slot
Friday	03-Sep	12	Surname A to G	12.00pm
Friday	03-Sep	12	Surname H to O	12.30pm
Friday	03-Sep	12	Surname P to Z	1.00pm
Friday	03-Sep	13	Surname A to G	1.30pm
Friday	03-Sep	13	Surname H to O	2.00pm
Friday	03-Sep	13	Surname P to Z	2.30pm
Monday	06-Sep	12	Surname A to G	12.00pm
Monday	06-Sep	12	Surname H to O	12.30pm
Monday	06-Sep	12	Surname P to Z	1.00pm
Monday	06-Sep	13	Surname A to G	1.30pm
Monday	06-Sep	13	Surname H to O	2.00pm
Monday	06-Sep	13	Surname P to Z	2.30pm
Tuesday	07-Sep	11	11A	1.30pm
Tuesday	07-Sep	11	11B	1.30pm
Tuesday	07-Sep	11	11C	2.00pm
Tuesday	07-Sep	11	11D	2.00pm
Tuesday	07-Sep	11	11E	2.30pm
Tuesday	07-Sep	11	11F	2.30pm
Tuesday	07-Sep	11	11G	3.00pm
Tuesday	07-Sep	11	11H	3.00pm
Tuesday	07-Sep	11	11J	3.30pm
Tuesday	07-Sep	11	11K	3.30pm
Wednesday	08-Sep	9	9A	9.00am
Wednesday	08-Sep	9	9B	9.00am
Wednesday	08-Sep	9	9C	9.45am
Wednesday	08-Sep	9	9D	9.45am
Wednesday	08-Sep	9	9E	10.30am
Wednesday	08-Sep	9	9F	10.30am
Wednesday	08-Sep	9	9G	11.15am
Wednesday	08-Sep	9	9H	11.15am
Wednesday	08-Sep	10	10A	1.15pm
Wednesday	08-Sep	10	10B	1.15pm
Wednesday	08-Sep	10	10C	2.00pm
Wednesday	08-Sep	10	10D	2.00pm
Wednesday	08-Sep	10	10E	2.45pm
Wednesday	08-Sep	10	10F	2.45pm
Wednesday	08-Sep	10	10G	3.15pm
Wednesday	08-Sep	10	10H	3.15pm
Thursday	09-Sep	8	8A	9.00am
Thursday	09-Sep	8	8B	9.00am
Thursday	09-Sep	8	8C	9.45am
Thursday	09-Sep	8	8D	9.45am
Thursday	09-Sep	8	8E	10.30am
Thursday	09-Sep	8	8F	10.30am
Thursday	09-Sep	8	8G	11.15am
Thursday	09-Sep	8	8H	11.15am
Thursday	09-Sep	8	8J	12.00pm

NB: There is a change from the end of term letter – We now require all Year 8 students to return home after completion of their test scheduled above.

If your child is in Year 8 to Year 13 and took part in the testing in March 2021 we will not require further permissions from you unless you have changed your mind. If this is the case, please let us know by contacting us at covid@helston.cornwall.sch.uk.

Year 7 parents and carers will receive a separate letter which explains how to give consent for the testing in College. If your child is new to the College or you now want to give consent, the link to the information and consent form is below. Students who are over 16 can complete this form themselves. Please ensure that the consent form is completed in advance of the appointment day.

Consent form: <https://forms.gle/7iQsHqjS3V4tDJ5M7>

Students return to College for timetabled lessons as follows:

Years 7 and 12	Tuesday 7 September (Induction days)
Years 11 and 13	Wednesday 8 September
Years 9 and 10	Thursday 9 September
Year 8	Friday 10 September

Years 7 to 11 second lateral flow tests will take place during the normal College day. Students will be given an appointment time and leave their class for a short period to attend our testing centre. Testing will then move to home testing which will continue until the end of September when we expect further government guidance.

Please do not hesitate to contact the College via the enquiries@helston.cornwall.sch.uk email if you have any questions about the return programme for September.

Yours sincerely



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