



2 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Following my emails last week we can now confirm more details of the schedule of testing for students before returning to on-site lessons. Testing is not compulsory, but is strongly advised.

A reminder of the overview of the schedule is below and the detailed schedule of the timings for each tutor group is attached. Due to the tight logistics for completing all of these tests (over 1700) in a safe but timely manner we are not able to offer swaps/different times.

Mass testing at Backwell School		
Week beginning Monday 8 March		
Venue: Main School Theatre		
Year Group	Testing Date	Return to Classroom date
Year 11 and Year 13	Monday 8 March	Tuesday 9 March
Year 10 and Year 12	Tuesday 9 March	Wednesday 10 March
Year 7	Wednesday 10 March	Thursday 11 March
Year 9	Thursday 11 March	Friday 12 March
Year 8	Friday 12 March	Monday 15 March

Consent

All parents must complete [this form](#) giving or withholding their consent for testing. If you have more than one child at the school you will need to complete this form more than once. Please ensure you have completed this form by 9.00 am on Friday 5 March.

Testing Procedure

On arrival your child needs to head straight to the Main Theatre where the testing will take place. They will need to wear a face covering as they will be in an indoor communal area, however they do not need to wear school uniform. They do not need to bring anything else with them.

They will be given clear instructions and guidance from staff. Our normal behaviour expectations are in place for testing: students must follow instructions, wear their face masks and remain socially distant from others.

The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy using a swab of your nose and throat. Staff will oversee the swab process, but the child will administer the swab directly themselves.

Please note that students will need to make their own way to school/be driven by a parent or carer to undertake their test at their allotted tutor group time. The car park is likely to be busy, so please be patient and follow instructions of site staff to manage the traffic flow. We ask those who do bring their child to school to remain in their vehicles and not to socialise with others to assist with traffic management and to ensure social distancing. If you are unable to get your child to school for their allotted time please email us at mailbox@backwellschool.net by 9.00 am on Thursday (4 March).

If your child's Lateral Flow Test (LFT) returns a positive result we will let you know as soon as possible as they will need to self-isolate.

Face Coverings during the school day

We are currently still discussing the governments' guidance for the use of face coverings during the school day and will publish full details in this week's Friday bulletin.

Thank you for your support with this complex programme, we look forward to welcoming students back onsite.

Mr J Nunes
Headteacher



Testing Schedule for Tutor Groups : 8 – 12 March 2021

Arrival Time	Monday 8 March	Tuesday 9 March	Wednesday 10 March	Thursday 11 March	Friday 12 March
08:40	11C1	10C1			
09:00	11C2	10C2	7S1	9M1	8M1
09:20	13-2	12-4	7S2	9M2	8M2
09:40	11M1	10M1			
10:00	11M2	10M2	7Q1	9Q1	8Q1
10:20	11M3	12-1	7Q2	9Q2	8Q2
Break 1					
11:20	11Q1	10Q1	7C2	9C1	8S1
11:40	11Q2	10Q2			
12:10	13-6	10Q3	7C1	9C2	8S2
12:30	13-8	12-3			
Break 2					
13:30	11S1	10S1	7M1	9S1	8C1
13:50	11S2	10S2			
14:10	11S3	12-8	7M2	9S2	8C2
14:30	13-1	12-2			
14:45	13-3	12-5	7M3	9S3	8C3
15:00	13-4	12-6			
15:15	13-5	12-9			
15:30	13-7				