

24<sup>th</sup> August 2021

**Re: Autumn Term 2021 – Covid-19 Testing**

Dear Parent,

Further to my letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August, I have decided to open the Academy on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August**, exclusively for on-site testing. Government guidance permits schools to commence testing up to three days prior to the start of term. The principal reason for my decision is to minimise disruption at the start of the Autumn Term.

The Asymptomatic Test Unit (ATU) is set up in the Academy's Sports Hall and the allocation of testing slots is determined by surname – please refer to the table below.

Time Slot	Surnames
8.30	A-B
9.30	C-F
10.30	G-H
11.30	I-M
12.30	N-R
13.30	S-T
14.30	U-Z

As previously stated, the testing process is not compulsory. If you consent, please complete and return the [Consent Form](#) to [Reopening@eastwood.southend.sch.uk](mailto:Reopening@eastwood.southend.sch.uk) **Parents of Year 7 pupils will need to complete the form, however, if your child currently attends the Academy and you completed the form last year, you do not have to complete it again.** In the absence of a completed consent form, or if you have e-mailed the Academy and explicitly stated 'consent not given', the Academy will record that your child does not want to partake in the testing programme.

I have been informed that some parents have made alternative arrangements regarding testing. If you are able to do this, it would be greatly appreciated, since the ATU has limited capacity.

Any pupil with a positive Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test result should self-isolate for 10 days and book a confirmatory PCR test. If the PCR test is taken within two days of the positive LFD test, and is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the pupil can end their self-isolation and return to school.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please refer to the [Covid-19 FAQ](#) or e-mail [Reopening@eastwood.southend.sch.uk](mailto:Reopening@eastwood.southend.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,



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