



26th February 2021

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Newsletter: Week 21

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we have been excited to plan our phased return to school following the Government's announcement on 22nd February. We are delighted to be offering 3 Lateral Flow Tests to so many students and staff. Taking part in testing is optional.

Attendance:

The Government has announced that from Monday 8 March 2021, student attendance to school is mandatory. We are therefore very much looking forward to welcoming all our students back to Bridlington School from this date. To accommodate Lateral Flow testing we will be running a phased return. We understand some students may be anxious and we will continue to work with all our families to support students to return to school.

Phased Return: Start Dates / Times and Gates:

	Start Date	Start Time	Entrance Gate
Year 13	Monday 8 th March 2021	8.30am	Top Gate at Reception
Year 12	Monday 8 th March 2021	8.30am	Top Gate at Reception
Year 11	Tuesday 9 th March 2021	8.55am	Bessingby Road – Side Gate
Year 10	Tuesday 9 th March 2021	8.55am	Top Gate at Reception
Year 9	Wednesday 10 th March 2021	8.55am	St Johns Avenue – Bottom Gate
Year 8	Wednesday 10 th March 2021	8.30am	St Johns Avenue – Bottom Gate
Year 7	Wednesday 10 th March 2021	8.30am	Bessingby Road – Side Gate

Students will need to show their Pastoral Manager, on the gate, that they have a face covering with them (more details on 'face coverings in class' below). Students will go to their tutor rooms for a tutor period as their first session on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This is where we will support students' return to school, recap how we keep each other safe, hand out new planners and timetables and make sure students are set up for their first lesson from 9.45am onwards.

On Thursday 11th March the phased return will be complete and students will follow their normal timetables.



Transport:

Parents whose child travels to school on school transport will be contacted individually about arrangements.

Uniform:

Students will need to attend school in normal uniform as per the school's uniform policy (attached for your reference). We appreciate that this may pose a few difficulties for some and will support as much as possible. Should you require assistance with uniform please contact your child's Year Team.

Lateral Flow Testing Dates:

We are delighted to offer lateral flow tests to over 600 students and more than 90 staff as we return to school. Taking a Lateral Flow Test will always remain optional.

The first Lateral Flow Test for students in Years 7 to 11, will require them to attend school only to take the test then return home and await the result. Students do not need to wear uniform to take their first test as they will be returning home as soon as they have taken the test.

The venue for the first test will be the Sports Hall. Please enter and exit through the top gate. Please bear in mind the visitor parking is limited and you may need to park in the designated parking on Bessingby Road.

LATERAL FLOW TEST 1

MONDAY 8 th MARCH		TUESDAY 9 th MARCH		WEDNESDAY 10 th MARCH	
Year 13*	9am to 9.30am	Year 9	9am to 10.30am	Catch Up	
Year 12*	9.30am to 10am	Year 8	10.30am to 12 noon	These will be by appointment only because the whole school population will have returned to school.	
Year 11	10am to 11.30am	Year 7	12 noon to 1.30pm		
Year 10	12 noon to 1.30pm				

** 6th Form students will attend their test, be held at a social distance for 30 minutes before their test result is through. From there they will attend their 1-2-1 mentoring meeting.*

We have over 400 students attending the test centre each day so in order to stagger the flow through the testing centre please try to attend at your published time slot.

For some, attending the allocated time slot may be difficult. If you do need to attend a different slot on Monday or Tuesday, please just turn up and explain at the welcome desk.



Results of all tests will be emailed / sent by text message directly to parents / carers from the NHS test result recording system. Students will find out their result from parent / carer at home. If there is a positive result school will contact the parent / carer to offer follow up instructions.

From Thursday 11th March all students will have returned to a fully normal timetable. To facilitate the remaining 2 lateral flow tests and to keep year group bubbles separate we will be using two separate venues.

During the tutor period induction on Mon 8th, Tues 9th and Wed 10th, students will receive details on the time and day they need to attend their 2nd and 3rd Lateral Flow test. These will take place in the afternoon session. Again, results will be emailed / sent by text message directly to parents / carers from the NHS test result recording system. Students will find out their result from parent / carer at home. If there is a positive result, school will contact the parent / carer to offer follow up instructions. Students will be given their home test kit at the end of their 3rd test.

LATERAL FLOW TEST 2				
	Date	Venue	Appointment Time	30 minutes holding space
6 th Form	Thursday 11 th March	Sports Hall	1.30pm	Students leave site
Year 11	Thursday 11 th March	Gym	1.40pm	Year 11 Common room
Year 10	Friday 12 th March	Sports Hall	1.40pm	Canteen
Year 9	Friday 12 th March	Gym	1.40pm	Pod Area – outdoor space
Year 8	Monday 15 th March	Sports Hall	1.30pm	Outdoor Area on field
Year 7	Monday 15 th March	Gym	1.30pm	Pod Area – outdoor space

LATERAL FLOW TEST 3				
	Date	Venue	Appointment Time	30 minutes holding space
6 th Form	Tuesday 16 th March	Sports Hall	1.30pm	Students leave site
Year 11	Tuesday 16 th March	Gym	1.40pm	Year 11 Common room
Year 10	Wednesday 17 th March	Sports Hall	1.40pm	Canteen
Year 9	Wednesday 17 th March	Gym	1.40pm	Pod Area – outdoor space
Year 8	Thursday 18 th March	Sports Hall	1.30pm	Outdoor Area on field
Year 7	Thursday 18 th March	Gym	1.30pm	Pod Area – outdoor space

On Friday 19th March we will be running catch up appointments.

From Monday 22nd March staff and students will be conducting twice weekly tests at home.



Face Coverings:

You will be aware that the government has made it compulsory for students to wear a face covering in the building and in lessons where social distancing cannot be maintained. The Government is due to review this at Easter.

Your support in ensuring your child attends school with a suitable mask is therefore imperative. Students who do not bring a suitable face covering into school will be issued with a free disposable one on the gate and followed up by the Year Teams.

The face covering applies to all staff as it does to students. However, in classrooms, teachers who are able to maintain social distance may choose to remove their face covering to communicate with students verbally and non-verbally.

Centre Assessed Grades

Ofqual and the DFE have published the first wave of guidance on how students will have all their years of hard work and learning graded in the Summer. Teachers will use a range of evidence to make a judgement on what grade students are performing at now based on what they have been taught.

Grades will be based on work our teachers know our students have completed in the past and also work completed in the Summer Term so keep trying your very best. Don't worry we know what work you have and have not been able to do. We will only use evidence on what you have been able to do. Our teachers in all subject departments are very experienced subject specialists and many are themselves markers for exam boards. Despite their expertise at assessing and grading students, evidence for every grade in every subject will pass through a rigorous moderation process involving all departments cross checking the evidence base for every grade. This will be moderated further though collaboration with subject specialists in the Local Authority and by the exam boards themselves. We are very confident on the accuracy of the grades students will be given.

How will students be graded?	What range of evidence will be used?
<p>No formal exams in the exam hall.</p> <p>Teachers will use a range of evidence to grade students.</p> <p>No algorithm will be used.</p> <p>Evidence for every grade and every students will be rigorously moderated.</p> <p>Students will only be assessed on what they have been taught (this is personal to our students and our school)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set tasks from lessons • Set tasks from home learning • Mini-mocks in class • Controlled assessments (coursework) • Exam style questions (some may be in house and some may be from exam board depending on what topics match the work we know our students have learned) • Learning Tasks • Report grades • Non-exam assessments* These can be used even if they were incomplete • Portfolios • Recorded Practical evidence

We have to submit grades to the exam boards by 18th June 2021.



We will share with you what range of evidence will be used to grade students as we receive further details from the various exam boards.

Summer Results:

We will again be emailing results to students and follow these up with 1-2-1 telephone calls or meetings.

- A Level Results will be published 10th August 2021
- GCSE Results will be published 12th August 2021
- BTEC Results will be published no later than the GCSE and A Level results (guidance is due in the next month)

Winter Covid Grant

Just a reminder that if you are eligible and **have not already applied**, applications for the Covid Winter Grant Scheme close on 28th February.

Eligible parents / carers are those who:

- Are in receipt of a benefit that entitles their child to free school meals
- Have claimed Universal Credit since 23 March and whose income is less than £16,000 per year

Successful applicants will receive £45 for food for each child and £30 per household towards utility costs.

A link to the correct website page to make a claim is below:

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/housing/housing-benefit-and-council-tax-support/coronavirus-benefits-and-financial-support/>

COVID-19:

The vast majority of the staffing team at Bridlington School have not been vaccinated, they therefore remain “at risk” of contracting COVID-19. As we know, COVID-19 does not discriminate. The science tells us that one third of the population can be carriers of COVID-19 and not have any symptoms (asymptomatic). This means they can pass the virus onto others without knowing. It is therefore imperative all members of our school community adhere to the safety measures we have in place. Apart from the compulsory wearing of face coverings at all times when inside the building, our safety measures remain the same as in the Autumn Term – the details of which can be found on the school’s Risk Assessment attached for your reference.

So, as in the Autumn Term, if a student falls ill with COVID-19, students in the year group bubble could still be required to self-isolate at home for 10 days. Learning will revert to on demand home learning.



Covid-19 Symptoms

It is really important that you keep your child off school if they or anyone in your household is showing symptoms of Covid-19 or is waiting for a test and your household self-isolates:

- A new and continuous cough
- High Temperature
- Loss or change in sense of taste or smell

Please do inform the school if anyone in your household has symptoms, is awaiting a test or has tested positive by calling 01262 607393 or emailing office@bridlingtonschool.org.uk.

Finally, I would like to share a huge thank you from the team here at Bridlington School for all your support over these extraordinary months. As we return I am confident we can continue to work together to ensure that all students continue to positively engage with their learning. We are all very much looking forward to getting back into the routines we have all missed so much.

As always should you have any questions, queries or concerns please do contact us on office@bridlingtonschool.org.uk and we will do all we can to help.

Yours sincerely,



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