

Wednesday 14th July 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

Year 7 - Lateral Flow Test and return to school in September

We are very much looking forward to welcoming year 7 pupils to school in September. I have now received detailed guidance from the Government regarding the return to school in September and you will be aware from the news that we have been asked to test pupils for Coronavirus using Lateral Flow Tests prior to their return to the classroom. Following their first test pupils will then receive one further test 3-5 days later whilst in school during the school day. Please see the below table for your child's test day and when they are required back in school. Thank you for your support in this as it all adds to our safety once school returns.

Year 7 1st Lateral Flow Test and return to school

Testing Date	Appointment	First day at Queensbridge School
Monday 6 th September 2021	Year 7 – pupils come in to school for test on an appointment system (please see below table*) and then return home.	Tuesday 7 th September 8:35am on site. Gate A: Alcester Rd.

Pupils should attend at the allocated time stated below as per their surname. Pupils should attend school via the pedestrian gate on Queensbridge Road. Staff will be out and visible to help guide you. Parents/carers can attend and wait for their child but you must wait outside and will not be able to go in with them whilst they complete their test. Pupils do not need to wear uniform for the day of their first test.

First letter of your surname	Time to arrive
A	8.50am-9.05am
B	9.15am-9.25am
C	9.40am-9.45am
D, E or F	9.50am-9.55am
G	10.00am
H	10.10am-10.20am
I	11.15am
J	11.30am
K	11.40am
L	12.00pm
M	12.15pm
N or O	12.40pm
P or Q	12.50pm
R	1.50pm
S	2.10pm-2.20pm
T	2.50pm
U, V or W	3.15pm
Y or Z	3.40pm

Note: You child must arrive promptly for their test. If you choose not to consent to Lateral Flow Testing your child's first day will be Tuesday 7th September 2021.

Please complete NHS Test & Trace consent form <https://forms.gle/qUK9s3V2GExGj6Y47> and submit with the consent statement (one per pupil/student) by **6pm Sunday 18th July.**

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy using a swab of your nose and throat. For under 18s, staff can oversee the swab process. Our website has further information on how Lateral Flow Tests are carried out along with information

on data protection and privacy notices. This information can be found here
<https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/parents/covid-update>

Once the initial 2 tests have been completed (each being 3 to 5 days apart), pupils will then be given tests to complete at home for testing on Wednesday 15th, Sunday 19th and Wednesday 22nd September; further information will be provided. Lateral Flow Testing is **not** a replacement for current prevention measures and it is essential that everyone continues to wash their hands regularly.

In order to finalise our testing plan it is imperative that we receive your **completed forms by no later Sunday 18th July 6pm.**

PARENT ACCESS TO SITE: Parents can wait outside the pupil gate on the Queensbridge Road, whilst your child is having their test. Parents require an appointment to come onto site. To make an appointment contact details are on the school website. Parents are not allowed on site to collect their children and we would ask that should you wish to collect your child from school, this is done at a pre-arranged location so that we do not have a congregation around the exits from school site. .

TRAVEL TO SCHOOL: There are no parking facilities on Queensbridge Road as there are now double yellow lines to support the safety of our pupils. Pupils are encouraged to walk or cycle to school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: Year 7 pupils will wear full school uniform from Tuesday 7th September. Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform and have the correct equipment at all times. Further information can be found here: [A recognition focused school | Uniform \(queensbridge.bham.sch.uk\)](#)

CLIVE MARK UNIFORM DISCOUNT VOUCHER

Clive Mark are offering 15% off all items in store for **new intake only** redeem this discount at your nearest store or online. This offer ends 1st August. 2021 and the voucher can be found by clicking here bit.ly/QB_Voucher

COMMUNICATION: From September, all communication to school should come through enquiry@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk Specific communication regarding special educational needs to come through SEND@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk

We aim to respond to all communication with 48hrs. Please do not communicate directly to staff. All communication regarding letters, homework, attendance, reporting and recognition will be available on the Edulink one app further details to follow.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

You can check you eligibility for Free School Meals by clicking here:
<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

NEXT STEPS:

- **Ensure that your child knows the time that they need to arrive at school for their test and the date that they return (please refer to the return to school table).**
- **Testing consent form submitted.**

We are very much looking forward to welcoming year 7 pupils to school in September. If you have any question do not hesitate to contact school via the school email: enquiry@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Reeves
Headteacher