



Beyond Expectations

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Dear Parent/Carer and Students

We hope you have had a nice Christmas time and wish you all a Happy New Year.

We wanted to update you on arrangements for the start of term and the day to day arrangements we will put in place following further Government guidance to schools in response to the Omicron variant.

As you were already made aware in December, the Government has requested that all secondary schools offer students one on-site lateral flow test before resuming the twice weekly home testing. Details about the start of term in January 2022 and our testing arrangements are below.

Plan for testing

We will be offering rapid coronavirus testing to students as they return from Wednesday 5th January 2022. Students will return to face to face education after their first negative result. Even if someone has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they are strongly encouraged by the government to take part in LFD testing on-site.

To enable us to test all students before resuming face to face education we will be staggering the start of the Spring term (please refer to the schedule below). It is crucial that students do not arrive prior to their scheduled time to enable the testing to run smoothly.

Wednesday 5.1.22	8.30am	10.00am	11.00am	
	Year 7 & 11 students who use School Transport (Buses/Taxis) arrive at school	Y7 students who live in Crowle/Ealand arrive at school	Y11 Students who live in Crowle/Ealand arrive at school	Y7/11 Students in Lessons
Y8,9,10 remote learning				
Thursday 6.1.22	8.30am	11.00am	11.30am	12.00pm
	Y,8,9 & 10 students who use School Transport (Buses/Taxis) arrive at school	Y8 students who live in Crowle/Ealand arrive at school	Y9 students who live in Crowle/Ealand arrive at school	Y10 students who live in Crowle/Ealand arrive at school
Y7 & 11 students in school				

As students arrive on the school site they will be registered and directed for testing. Coronavirus tests will take place in the main hall where we can maintain social distancing and privacy. We encourage students to wear a weatherproof coat as there may be a period of waiting outside before coming into the building for the LFD test.

How the tests work

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose. Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly with the individual participant and if negative they will be directed to class. Whilst waiting for the result of the first Lateral Flow Test students will maintain social distancing. Parents/Carers will be informed of any positive results.

What if my child tests positive?

If a student tests positive on a lateral flow device, they will be informed immediately by the Academy and will need to take a further 'PCR test' to confirm the result. This should be on the same day or as soon as possible afterwards.



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During the time while waiting for the PCR result (via text/email) they will need to self-isolate. If the PCR test returns a positive result they will have to continue to self-isolate and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

What if my child tests positive outside of school hours?

Please log any positive lateral flow results by using the form <https://forms.gle/CDqyVwHk3m4G3XXY6> or by emailing covid@theaxholmeacademy.com. Students will then need to take a further 'PCR test' to confirm the result. This should be on the same day or as soon as possible afterwards. During the time while waiting for the PCR result (via text/email) they will need to self-isolate. If the PCR test returns a positive result they will have to continue to self-isolate and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

What happens if the test is negative?

While a small number of students may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason, students who test negative will be able to stay in school and resume their activities as normal.

Face Coverings - On Sunday 2nd January 2022, the Department for Education informed schools that pupils in Years 7 upwards are now advised to wear face coverings in classrooms. This is in addition to the current guidance around wearing face coverings in communal areas such as corridors and whilst queuing for meals. Face Coverings should be worn on school, and public transport and students should sit in their designated year group zones whilst on transport. Students must use their bus pass each day and also only use the bus that their pass allows them to travel on.

The DfE have issued this advice in order to best support pupils and staff in schools at the start of term following a period of social mixing over the Christmas period and in response to significantly rising Omicron infection rates nationally. Students are therefore expected to wear face coverings in classrooms until Wednesday 26th January 2022 at which point national Plan B regulations are currently expected to expire and will be reviewed accordingly.

Self Isolation - There have been changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19. Since Wednesday 22nd December, the 10-day self-isolation period for anyone who records a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and your child does not have a high temperature, you may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and send them to school from day 8. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the: [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#)

We will continue to keep you updated if there are any further changes. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding as we continue to keep Axholme Academy as safe as possible and also continue to provide the best quality of education.

Yours sincerely

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Principal