

Secondary school and college (parent letter) –Autumn testing arrangements

July 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme.

The asymptomatic testing programme is being paused for students in secondary schools and colleges that will be closed over the summer holidays.

If your child is transitioning to new educational settings, they should start testing on arrival at their new setting in the autumn.

We are unsure about the Covid situation we will face in the autumn, so we want to be prepared for all scenarios. Subject to public health advice, testing will restart on return in the autumn. Your child will be offered **two** tests on-site before continuing regular testing at home. If you have not already done so, please complete the attached consent form and email this back to info@wixamsacademy.co.uk.

This is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. We recognise, however, the need to minimise any disruption to education and to continue to support your child's mental wellbeing and therefore have decided to offer the testing prior to your child's return date, details below. The government will continue to review the future need for testing in light of any changes to the public health situation.

Friday 3rd September	10:00-16:00	New Year 7's
Saturday 4th September	10:00-15:00	Year 8 & 9
Sunday 5th September	10:00 – 15:00	Year 10 & 11

We would encourage as many pupils as possible to attend the Academy on the above dates however for those who cannot attend on the above dates, you will be able to test on **Monday 6th September** between 10:00 – 15:30. We would encourage as many students as possible to attend at the weekend.

Testing twice weekly is helping us stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and plan our response. The preparations that schools and colleges are advised to take are subject to further public health advice and the latest position on prevalence of the COVID-19 virus.

Yours faithfully,



Mr P Spyropoulos
Principal