



# Emerson Park Academy

Ref: MH/JS

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Emerson Park Academy - Asymptomatic Lateral Flow Testing – January 2022**

Following further Government and Department for Education (DfE) guidance the Academy will be reopening its 'Asymptomatic Test Site'. All pupils will be offered one supervised lateral flow test upon their return to education in the New Year.

To facilitate the testing of more than 1,000 pupils, we will once again have a phased return to school over a two day period, commencing Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022. This means that certain year groups will have to remain at home, whilst others come into school to be tested.

Please look carefully at the information below which sets out which days and times pupils in each year group should come to school to be tested. Once they have been tested they are to leave site and return straight home.

### **Testing Programme:**

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January – Year 11 & Year 7

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January – Year 10, Year 9 & Year 8

On both days pupils must arrive at the following times based on their surname and year group:

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January – Year 11 (AM)**

**Timings** A – M Please arrive for 9.30am

N – Z Please arrive no earlier than 10.45am

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January – Year 7 (PM)**

**Timings** A – M Please arrive for 1pm

N – Z Please arrive no earlier than 2pm

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January – Year 10 (AM)**

**Timings** A – M Please arrive for 9am (early opening)

N – Z Please arrive no earlier than 10.45am

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January – Year 8 & Year 9 (PM)**

**Timings** A – M Please arrive for 12.30pm

N – Z Please arrive no earlier than 2pm (late close)

We will aim to keep the 'Test Centre' open on both days until we have processed everyone in the afternoon sessions.

**Example** - if your child is in Year 8, they would come to school on the afternoon of Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January to undertake the test and then go straight home. Only if the child tests positive then we will contact the parent/ carer later that day. If the child result is negative then should return to school as normal from Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> January to follow their normal timetabled lessons.

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## Consent

In line with the DfE requirements the Academy will be offering onsite supervised 'Lateral Flow Tests'. If you have previously consented to this and your child took part in our onsite testing you **do not** need to take any further action.

If you have not previously consented but would now like your child to take part in the testing then you must complete our online 'Consent' form by **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December** via the following link:

- **New Parental Consent** <https://forms.gle/pRX9nsPvwF9jebkAA>

Please do not send your child in to be tested if you miss this deadline as we will not be able to accommodate them and they will be sent away.

If you choose not to consent then your child should return to school on the first day that the entire year group returns e.g. Year 11 & Year 7 all return on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January and those in Year 10, Year 9 & Year 8 will all return on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Please understand that the testing process is logistically very complex and I anticipate that there will be some hitches and delays and there is also potential for inclement weather disruption too. I would like to thank you and our pupils in advance for your patience.

Kindly accept my apologies if you have children in different year groups as we will not be able to test them at the same time and must keep to the schedule outlined.

Finally, staff and pupils are encouraged to continue to test twice a week over the festive period. Home testing kits will be distributed again to our pupils prior to the end of this term. I am also hoping that we can distribute another set when we return in January in order to continue with the regular home testing.

Best regards



Mr Mark Hope

### Overview

Date	Lateral Flow Testing	Return To School
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 & Year 7	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10, Year 9 & Year 8	Year 11 & Year 7 only
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Home testing kits will be distributed during Form Period (TBC)	All Year Groups
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>		

**NB. Pupils are not required to wear school uniform on their test day. Full school uniform is required as usual, when their year groups return to school.**