



Thornhill Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following Government guidance with relation to COVID testing for students returning to school in September 2021, I am writing to advise you of how we will carry this out at Thornhill Academy.

All students must be offered testing 3-5 working days before the return to school and then again on their return. In order to do this as swiftly as possible and to avoid extending unnecessarily the start of term arrangements we are proposing the following in relation to testing.

First test

Year 7 & 11 – Friday 3rd September

Years 8, 9 & 10 – Monday 6th September

Students will receive an appointment time to come into school for their test. They will then be allowed to leave school. When available, results will be uploaded to the NHS app and parents/carers will be informed via the app on the contact number you have previously provided to the school. If the result is positive you will receive a call from the school immediately.

For the second set of tests, students will return to school on the following dates and times:

Year 7 – Wednesday 8th September at 8.40am

Year 11 – Wednesday 8th September at 10.00am

Years 8 – 10 – Thursday 9th September at 8.40am

Students will be tested during the course of the day on the date of their return for the second test.

Parents/Carers who have previously given consent for testing do not need to provide consent for these tests.

Parents/Carers who have NOT previously given consent for testing and now wish their child to be tested, or who have children coming into Year 7 need to give consent. This can be done by completing the following online form:

<https://tinyurl.com/thornhill-consent>

No test will be given to any child whose parent/carer has not provided consent.

The time for your child's first test will be sent to you towards the middle of August.

Thank you for your support with this. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate the main school office, which is open all summer between the hours of 9.00 am – 3.00pm – 0191 5007981.

Yours sincerely,

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