



LYDIARD PARK ACADEMY

26th February 2021

Dear Parent

Wider reopening of Lydiard Park Academy from Monday 8th March

I hope this letter finds you and your families well at this time during the current lockdown. You may be aware that the Government has announced a number of steps to be taken in easing the lockdown, one of which is the wider opening of schools. The following information will outline how we at LPA will proceed from Monday 8th March. Once back in school our way of working will be very similar to how we were working before the Christmas break. However, there are a number of important differences in the Department for Education Guidance. These are as follows:

- 1. Three on-site lateral flow tests for all secondary age pupils.** One test must be carried out with a negative result before pupils return to face to face classes, followed by 2 further tests 3-5 days apart. Testing will begin on Wednesday 3rd March. We aim to test all pupils whose parents have consented for the tests so that we can have all pupils return on the 8th March. Pupils should arrive at the dedicated time as outlined in the table below. If parents are bringing the pupils up to be tested then they must remain in the car. Stewards will direct the pupils to the back of the Old Sports Hall or in the case of Year 9, the New Sports Hall. The process will take about an hour as pupils will need to be registered, perform the test and wait for half an hour for their result. Pupils will return home when they have received their test result. In the case of a positive test parents will be informed that they need to collect their child.

If your child has COVID-19 symptoms of a new persistent cough, a high temperature or loss of taste or smell, they should not return to school but self-isolate and book a PCR test.

Pupils will not be set work to do at home for the day of their first test due to the disruption the testing will cause with pupils required at school at different times. This day will be used as a preparation day so pupils are ready to restart school with the chance to organise their work and catch up on any work outstanding. Bringing the pupils in earlier for the tests means all pupils can return on the 8th March

Wednesday 3 rd March 21	8.30 – 9.00	Year 13	
	9.15 – 10.15	Year 12	
	10.30 – 11.30	Year 11	B1 & B2
1 Bay	11.30 – 12.30	Year 11	H1
1 Bay	12.30 - 1.30	Year 11	H2
	1.30 – 2.30	Year 11	M1 & M2
	2.30 – 3.30	Year 11	P1 & P2



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Thursday 4th March 21	8.30 – 9.30	Year 10	B1 & B2
	9.30 – 10.30	Year 10	H1 & H2
	11.00 – 12.00	Year 10	M1
1 Bay	12.00 – 1.00	Year 10	M2
1 Bay	1.00 – 2.00	Year 10	P1 & P2
	2.30 – 3.30	Year 7	B1 & B2
	3.30 – 4.30	Year 7	H1 & H2

Friday 5th March 21	8.30 – 9.30	Year 7	M1 & M2
	9.30 – 10.30	Year 7	P1 & P2
	11.00 – 12.00	Year 8	B1 & B2
1 Bay	12.00 – 1.00	Year 8	H1
1 Bay	1.00 – 2.00	Year 8	H2
	2.00 – 3.00	Year 8	M1 & M2
	3.00 – 4.00	Year 8	P1 & P2

Friday 5th March 21	8.30 – 9.30	Year 9	B1 & B2
NSH Bay 3	9.30 – 10.30	Year 9	H1 & H2
	11.00 – 12.00	Year 9	M1 & M2
	1.00 – 2.00	Year 9	P1 & P2

- 2. Home testing kits for Pupils to carry out tests twice per week.** Pupils will be issued with home testing kits – parents will be expected to support their child in testing twice per week at home. Children aged 11 will be tested by a parent/carer. Children aged 12-17 will be supported by an adult to carry out their tests. The lateral flow test does not replace the current testing policy for those with symptoms. Any child or adult with symptoms should self-isolate and a PCR test arranged. Further information on home testing will follow. Home testing kits will be allocated to pupils for testing at home from Monday 15th March onwards, after they have completed their third test in school.
- 3. The expectation that pupils will wear face masks in class as well as in crowded areas such as corridors, where social distancing isn't possible.** The wearing of masks in class has been added to the systems of control to help mitigate against the spread of C-19. The wearing of face mask in communal areas remains mandatory. There is no need for face masks to be worn outside or during PE lessons. Also, some children are exempt from wearing masks due to medical reasons and they should wear a white badge provided by the school to prevent them being challenged by staff for not wearing a mask. We would appreciate parental support in this matter and that children respect the safety of other pupils and staff. Please ensure that your child brings at least two face masks to school each day in case one is damaged or becomes soiled.



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- 4. Attendance to school is mandatory from 8th March so the usual rules of attendance will apply.** Failure to attend could lead to a fixed penalty notice. Children who are critically extremely vulnerable should follow the advice of the shielding letter they have received. These pupils will be provided with remote learning.

All pupils to return from Monday 8th March

The school will operate much the same as we did prior to Christmas with year groups in 'bubbles' and having separate venues for break and lunchtimes. Due to the expected wearing of face masks in lessons we have ensured that the pupils have access to a larger outdoor venue and they will be encouraged to spend their breaks and time at lunch outdoors so they have some respite from wearing a mask and get some fresh air.

There will still be a staggered start and end of the day and the timings for the different year groups are outlined below:

- Year 10 arrive 8.20am for 8.30am start
- Year 11, Year 9 and Sixth Form arrive 8.30am for 8.40am start
- Year 7 and Year 8 arrive 8.40am for 8.50am start

Pupils should report to their venue on arrival.

- Year 7 leave at 2.30pm
- Year 8 leave at 2.40pm
- Year 9 leave at 2.50pm
- Year 10, 12 and 13 leave at 3.00pm
- Year 11 Leave at 3.10pm

The school buses will arrive at school for 8.20am and leave at 3.15pm. Further information about timings and stops will be sent to parents of children who catch the bus.

Lunches and Free School Meals

Pupils will have lunch in their separate venues and Free School Meals will be provided in school.

Venues/Outdoor Venues

Some of the venues have changed as there has been the need to change teaching rooms to allow different year groups access to more specialist teaching rooms so that they can continue to access all areas of their curriculum.

- Year 7 - Drama Theatre and outside Small atrium
- Year 8 - New Sports Hall and outside NSH including first bay of parking
- Year 9 - C Block and tarmac area adjacent to the field.
- Year 10 - Small atrium and car park area by D Block
- Year 11 – Large Atrium and tennis court



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- Year 12 and 13 – In their respective common rooms

Routines and expectations

Our expectations of a high standard of pupil behaviour, uniform and being fully equipped will continue, in order to re-integrate pupils into norms and routines.

Equipment

Pen Black or Blue x 2 Drywipe Pen or Board Marker	Coloured pencils	Pair of compasses
Pencil x 2 Pencil Sharpener	Green pen (for noting feedback)	Protractor
Ruler	Highlighter pens	Dictionary
Rubber	Glue stick	Pair of headphones
Pair of safety scissors	Calculator	Reading book (from home)

We are looking forward to seeing all pupils back in school for face to face lessons but also recognise that the lockdown experience will have been different for different families and

individuals. Therefore, if you have any concerns regarding the impact it may have had on your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Our pastoral and teaching team will be able to support you and your child with re-integration to the school community.

Yours faithfully

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