



# LYDIARD PARK ACADEMY

12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent

We have had an extremely busy week at LPA with all the pupils returning, Newsnight filming and the next rounds of Lateral Flow Testing. At the time of writing we have done over 3000 tests and all of those have had a negative result. That means that for Years 13,12, 11 and some of Year 10 they have completed their 3 tests in school and so can start to test at home. We have given them a Covid-19 Self-Test kit containing 3 tests and would like pupils to test on a Sunday and a Thursday, starting this Sunday. In the leaflet accompanying the box there is details of how to record the result on the Government website. We also are required to record the result and I have included more details in my letter to parents yesterday.

I have also sent separate letters to parents and pupils in Year 11 and 13 today about how grades will be awarded this summer.

I have been really impressed with the pupils who have made an excellent start back and really engaged in their learning despite the further restriction of having to wear face masks in lessons. They haven't complained and have shown a real desire to concentrate on their learning. One area which didn't go so well was the start of the day and with the new start dates the pupils concentrated and we had too many pupils arriving at the same time. We have therefore adjusted the times slightly. Year 11 will now need to arrive by 8.25am. We have put them first as this will give them greater time in school which will be important for their upcoming assessments. Year 10 should arrive in school by 8.30am, Year 9 should arrive between 8.30am and 8.40am, Year 7 between 8.40am and 8.50am and Year 8 should arrive between 8.50am and 9.00am. The sixth form is unchanged arriving at 8,40am. The staggered times for the end of the day have not been altered.

I would like to thank the testing team for all their hard work which enabled all pupils to be back in school on Monday and will allow us to get back to a more normal school day in the least amount of time possible. Everybody has been so relieved to have the pupils back this week and it has been great to hear the usual noise of hustle and bustle around the school. This is the link to my update video, [https://youtu.be/3vSo\\_tH7NDI](https://youtu.be/3vSo_tH7NDI).

I hope you have a pleasant weekend.

Kind regards

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