

31st August 2021

Start of Term Arrangements

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well and enjoying the summer break. I write with further details for the start of term in September.

New Academic Year 2021-2022

School will reopen to students on Tuesday 7th September 2021. Due to the expectation of an offer of Covid-19 Lateral Flow Tests and to allow Year 7 students a period of induction that wasn't feasible in July 2021, we will have a staggered start to the academic year. Please refer to the table below. (Monday 6th September will be taken as an INSET day).

Monday 6 th September	Tuesday 7 th September	Wednesday 8 th September	Thursday 9 th September	Friday 10 th September
<p>Staff INSET Day</p> <p>Year 7, 12, 13 and Cas Tigers students will have their FIRST Lateral Flow Test.</p> <p>All students will be given an appointment slot throughout the day. They will attend school take their test and then return home.</p>	<p>Year 10 and 11 will have their FIRST Lateral Flow Test.</p> <p>All students will be given an appointment slot throughout the day. They will attend school take their test and then return home.</p> <p>Year 7, 12, 13 will be in school with their form tutors.</p>	<p>Year 8 and 9 will have their FIRST Lateral Flow Test.</p> <p>All students will be given an appointment slot throughout the day. They will attend school take their test and then return home.</p> <p>Year 7, 10, 11, 12, 13 will be in school with their form tutors.</p>	<p>Year 7, 12, 13 and Cas Tigers Students will have their SECOND Lateral Flow Test.</p> <p>All students will be in school at this point</p>	<p>Year 10 and 11 will have their SECOND Lateral Flow Test.</p> <p>All students will be in school at this point</p>

Consent for LFD Testing

Secondary students can only be tested in the Academy if you, as parent or carer, have given explicit consent. **If you gave consent during the last school year, we require you to do so again for September 2021. Please follow this link to complete the online survey, this must be completed please, for each of the children that attend from your family.**

Some parents / carers may have done this following my letter in July 2021, if you haven't, please do so by 3pm on Thursday 2nd September 2021.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/IZ5Q5F/>

If you have previously given consent and now wish to withdraw consent, please contact main reception.

Appointment Times for Covid-19 Tests

Students for whom parents / carers have given consent, need to attend the Academy for their Lateral Flow Test as per the programme below. Students must attend in full school uniform (this is so that we can help assist with any uniform issues before we start formal lessons) and be at the main gates on Crewe Road 5 minutes prior to their time. Staff will be onsite to support students. Once students have had their test, they will return home.

MONDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2021 Covid-19 Testing Appointment Times	Students to Attend
9:30 – 9:45	Year 11 Prefects
Break & Catch-up	
9:55 – 10:55	Year 7 students with surnames A to E
10:55 – 11:55	Year 7 students with surnames F to J
11:55 – 12:05	Year 7 students with surnames K – N
Lunch & Catch Up	
12:35 – 1:35	Students with surnames O- S
1:35 – 2:35	Students with surnames T – Z
2:35 – 2:50	6 th Form Business students (Years 12 & 13)
2:50 – 3:10	6 th Form H&S students (Years 12 & 13)
3:10 – 3:30	6 th form PA students (Years 12 & 13)
3:30 – 3:50	Castleford Tigers' students
TUESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2021 Covid-19 Testing Appointment Times	Students to Attend (by Form Group)
8:30 – 8:50	Testing 11.1
8:55 – 9:30	Testing 11.2
9:30 – 9:50	Testing 11.3
Break & Catch-up	
9:55 – 10:15	Testing 11.4
10:15 – 10:35	Testing 11.5
10:35 – 10:55	Testing 11.6
10:55 – 11:15	Testing 11.7
11:15 – 11:35	Testing 11.8

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11:35 – 11:55	Testing 10.1
Lunch & Catch Up	
12:35 – 12:55	Testing 10.2
12:55 – 1:15	Testing 10.3
1:15 – 1:35	Testing 10.4
1:35 – 1:55	Testing 10.5
1:55 – 2:15	Testing 10.6
2:15 – 2:35	Testing 10.7
2:35 – 3:00	Run Over Time
WEDNESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2021 Covid-19 Testing Appointment Times	Students to Attend (by Form Group)
8:30 – 8:50	Testing 9.1
8:55 – 9:30	Testing 9.2
9:30 – 9:50	Testing 9.3
Break & Catch-up	
9:55 – 10:15	Testing 9.4
10:15 – 10:35	Testing 9.5
10:35 – 10:55	Testing 9.6
10:55 – 11:15	Testing 8.1
11:15 – 11:35	Testing 8.2
11:35 – 11:55	Testing 8.3
Lunch & Catch-up	
12:35 – 12:55	Testing 8.4
12:55 – 1:15	Testing 8.5
1:15 – 1:35	Testing 8.6
1:35 – 1:55	Testing 8.7
1:55 – 2:15	Testing 8.8
2:15 – 2:35	Run Over Time

Cashless Catering

Further to our letter on 6th August, our move to a new cashless catering system is fast approaching. The 'Live Date' for the new Biometric Trust-e Cashless System supplied by Civica is imminent and so we require the consent of at least one parent / guardian in order that the biometric information for your child can be processed. If you have not already given your consent, please use this link to access the letter which outlines how to do so <https://www.airedaleacademy.com/coronavirus/> Consent will need to be provided by the first day back for your son / daughter.

Timings, Entrance / Exit Gates

All students will start school at 8:30am and finish school at 2:35pm. Year 11 will finish at 3:30pm Monday – Thursday and at 2:35pm on Fridays.

Students will enter through the top (main), middle (near library) and lower (near Step Out) gates:

- Year 7 will enter through the Step Out gates
- Year 8 and 9 will enter through the main gates
- Year 10 and 11 will enter through the middle gates

On entering school students will be in their year groups in the following areas:

- Year 7 – on the tennis courts
- Year 8 - outside the MET block
- Year 9 – outside Science
- Year 10 – outside the Technology Block
- Year 11 – in the canteen

Students will leave via the main gates if they finish lesson 5 in upper school and via the middle gates if they finish lesson 5 in lower school. Year 11 will leave via the main gates Monday – Thursday.

Uniform Reminders

Please ensure that you refer to our uniform information found at <https://www.airedaleacademy.com/images/media/doc/uniform-guide.pdf> Please see a few reminders below of the most frequent issues with our uniform guidelines:

- Hoodies are not permitted and will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day
- **No nail varnish or acrylic nails**
- Make up should be minimal and false eyelashes are not allowed
- Only one stud earring allowed in each ear
- No facial piercings – no clear retainers
- **Skirts must sit just above the knee and stretchy t-shirt material skirts are not allowed**
- Graffiti and writing on hands and arms is not permitted
- **Black shoes only, no trainers of any description**

In line with our policy, students who breach our uniform expectations will be asked to address the issue raised. Jewellery, mobile devices and hoodies will be confiscated and stored in reception / Hub, whereby they can be collected at the end of the day. A detention will also be issued. Detentions will also be issued for other breaches of the uniform policy.

Please note that we do not exclude students for wearing jewellery, having mobile phones or any other breaches of this policy. We will however, always ask students to rectify the issue that we have raised. These are reasonable requests.

If a student fails to comply immediately with a reasonable request then the academy will issue a further sanction, which may include an exclusion. Parents and carers should be clear that this applies to all reasonable requests and not just those associated with uniform. We appreciate your support in upholding our high standards.


Attendance and Term Time Holidays

The Academy will continue to have attendance as a priority this academic year. We do all we can to encourage students to attend school every day and value your support from home with this. Holidays should not be taken during term time. This will directly impact negatively on the progress of your child.

Club 100 will be relaunched in September to recognise those students who attend all day, every day. Mr. P will have some exciting promotions, prizes and treats to run alongside this in the new school year.

We look forward to welcoming students back to school as per the timetable above from Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 8:35am.

Yours faithfully



Miss L Proctor
Principal