

26th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Return to School
Year 8 Student Testing – COVID-19

Due to the recent announcement that all schools will be re-opening fully on 8th March and our decision to stagger the start in order for adequate testing to take place for all staff and students, we would now like to invite students in to be tested three times for COVID-19 prior to returning to school.

Testing will be carried out at the Academy using a lateral flow device test kit and will begin for **Year 8** students on Saturday 6th March, with the second test on Tuesday 9th March and the final third test on Friday 12th March. After the third test, the students will be given a home testing kit to administer twice a week at home.

We do require your consent in order to begin testing. Please therefore click on this link [COVID Testing Student Consent Form - Yr 8](#) in order to record whether you provide your consent or chose for your child not to be tested. Consent forms need to be completed before Tuesday 2nd March. We encourage every student to be tested, but it is not compulsory. Further information on the testing is provided on our school website in the [Testing Section](#) and students can watch our accompanying video here [Penrice Academy Testing](#).

Students will be tested in tutor groups during the allocated tutor group time, as noted below. When bringing your child in for testing, please remain in your car in the car park. Students will be no longer than 15 minutes and need to maintain a 2-metre social distance at all times and wear a mask. School uniform is not required for Year 8 students until their return on Monday 15th March.

| Tutor Group | Saturday 6 th March (Test 1) | Tuesday 9 th March (Test 2) | Friday 12 th March (Test 3) |
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| | Arrival Time | Arrival Time | Arrival Time |
| 8RW | 8.00am | 1.00pm | 1.00pm |
| 8LM | 8.45am | 1.30pm | 1.30pm |
| 8DW | 9.30am | 2.00pm | 2.00pm |
| 8RE | 10.15am | 2.30pm | 2.30pm |
| 8GS | 11.00am | 3.00pm | 3.00pm |
| 8WB | 11.45am | 3.30pm | 3.30pm |
| 8FS | 12.30pm | 4.00pm | 4.00pm |
| 8AH | 1.15pm | 4.30pm | 4.30pm |
| 8KW | 2.00pm | 5.00pm | 5.00pm |
| 8LG | 2.45pm | 5.30pm | 5.30pm |



EVERY CHILD SUCCEEDS

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If you are unable to make your child's allocated time slot please contact enquiries@penrice.org.uk detailing your child's name, tutor group and the day they cannot attend and we will look to sort an alternative arrangement.

If you have any problems with transport for your child, please contact Emily Bennett on ebennett@penrice.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Cardigan", with a horizontal line underneath.

Richard Cardigan
Vice Principal

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