



22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### Asymptomatic Test Site (AST) Testing in September

As I mentioned in my previous letter, in line with the current Government guidance, students are being asked to test for Covid-19 prior to starting back in school. This is strongly encouraged to help reduce the spread of the virus and keep the school open and running as smoothly as possible in the new term.

For those students who were at Axe Valley earlier in the year, the testing will take place as previously in the school hall, however this test is a nasal swab only. We already have parental consent regarding the testing for students across current year groups 7-10 and we will not require you to do this again. If you have not completed the consent form, please copy the link below or complete the attached form and email it to [admin@axevalley.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@axevalley.devon.sch.uk):

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HXTUB6p570WZ4rf-xO0rIYbE0FmNhLBAAnUmqv-033ytUQ0ZNOEJBSFRORjE2RUhCU1dCVDc2UDk1TC4u>

Your child should arrive through the canteen gate at the rear of school (Flamingo Pool entrance). They will not be allowed to enter through the front entrance. Parents can use the rear car park to wait for their child. Please remain in your vehicle whilst you await their return. They should make their way to the main hall where there will be clear markings and they will be greeted by staff to be registered for their test. They will leave through the rear of school immediately after testing and should go straight home.

ATS Student Testing Date	Year Group (as of September)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 1pm-4pm	New Year 7
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 9am-12.30pm	Year 8
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 1pm-4pm	Year 9
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 9am-12.30pm	Year 10
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 1pm-4pm	Year 11

We will also be running an out of school hours testing slot each day from 4-6pm for any parents who cannot arrange to transport their child in during the day. Students will require a second test on their return to school.

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Year 7 Induction Day

The school will be open for an induction day for new **Year 7 students only** where they will spend the day getting to know their tutors, familiarising themselves with the site, meeting staff and experiencing their first full lessons. Students must be in full school uniform **excluding** a tie as their bespoke house tie will be gifted to them when they arrive. Year 7 should arrive through the bus park gates at the rear of school where they will be greeted and guided to their tutor bases by staff. To confirm Year 7 will not need to bring their PE kit on Monday.

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## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – all Year groups

All students will return and begin their day in their tutor bases. You will find a full tutor group list, including tutor bases, attached to this letter. Students must be in full school uniform **excluding** a tie as their bespoke house tie will be gifted to them when they arrive. Students will be given their new timetables, have their uniforms and equipment checked and be presented with their House tie and badge. Students will start in lessons from P3. PE kit will not be needed on Tuesday.

### If your child is unwell at the beginning of term

It is essential that for anyone displaying symptoms of coronavirus that they do not attend school and that you inform school immediately by telephone and seek a test as soon as possible.

If your child takes a test please inform Axe Valley Academy of the result as soon as possible by sending their name and a copy of their test result to [admin@axevalley.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@axevalley.devon.sch.uk). You can find further information on symptoms and testing below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing//>

The current guidelines still outline that if your child comes into contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 they should self-isolate for 10 days. If a confirmed case is found at Axe Valley Academy, we will immediately liaise with Public Health England and NHS Test and Trace before communicating with parents of affected students to advise of next steps.

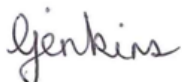
### Timings of the School Day

From September, the start and finish times of the school day will go back to the original school timings as shown below:

<b>Arrival</b>	<b>08:45</b>
Lesson 1	08:50-09:50
Lesson 2	09:50-10:50
<b>Break</b>	<b>10:50-11:10</b>
Lesson 3	11:10-12:10
Lesson 4	12:10-13:10
<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>13:10-14:00</b>
Tutor	14:00-14:25
Lesson 5	14:25-15:25

If you have any questions please do email [admin@axevalley.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@axevalley.devon.sch.uk) or your child's Head of Year. We hope that you have an enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely



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## TUTOR TEAMS – 2021-2022

Year/Leader/PSCO	Tutor Team	Code	Room	Notes
Year 7 Mr Carr Ms Ashby	Miss Marchant Mrs Del Nero Mr Bugler Mrs Flynn Mr Bates	7LMA 7SD 7EBU 7NF 7ABT	C1 C6 L2 L1 E1	
Year 8 Mr. Horn Mrs Horwood	Mr Perks Mr Ward Mrs Bishop Mr Bennett Mr Petty (Mrs Baker)	8DP 8JW 8EB 8AB 8STP	C7 C10 D4 D6 B4	
Year 9 Mr Horn Mrs Horwood	Mr Owen Ms Broome Mrs Madgin Mrs Male (Miss Roberts)	9DO 9RB 9VM 9LM	L3 A7 D2 A8	Formerly 8FTD
Year 10 Mrs Ward Mrs Tregale	Mrs Collins Mr Irvine Mrs Mimpriss Mrs Brown	10EC 10MI 10FM 10WB	A5 H1 T2 A6	
Year 11 Mrs Ward Mrs Tregale	Miss Coghlan Mr Pillay Mr Watts Mrs Moran	11DC 11SMP 11RW 11JM	C5 C9 D1 B2	New groups from May 2021