



24th August 2021

Dear parents/carers and students

I hope that you are all well and enjoying the summer holidays. As I mentioned in my end of term letter, all students will be offered a Covid-19 test on site before returning to the classroom. In total, we will provide two on-site Covid-19 tests to all consenting students.

In order to enable all students to return to school as planned on **Friday 3rd September**, we will begin our testing programme on **Tuesday 31st August**. All students will be offered one test before returning to school and the second test will take place during the first three days of term. Although testing is voluntary we would encourage as many students as possible to take part in the on-site testing offered to help facilitate the safest possible school environment for their return in September.

Safety measures on the first testing day

Our testing centre is based in the sports hall building. Students must not enter any other building. They must use the gate immediately in front of the sports hall. Students must use hand sanitiser on entry. Students must not attend their test if they are experiencing any of the [symptoms of Covid-19](#), instead parents should book a PCR test and inform the school office.

The full schedule of testing is below. For their first test, students should arrive promptly at the correct time and leave the school site as soon as they have had their test, they should not wait on the school site for their results. Students do not need to wear school uniform when attending school just for their test.

All second tests will take place during the usual school day. Students will be isolated whilst awaiting their results. If the result is negative students will return to class. If the result is positive the student will be isolated and parents will be asked to collect them as soon as possible. All results are shared with NHS Test and Trace who will contact parents directly to engage in contact tracing for positive cases.

Year 11 and Year 13

Year 11	First test: Tuesday 31st August (test only)	Second test: Friday 3rd September (tested during school day)
11B	8.40am	8.40am
11D	9.10am	9.10am
11H	9.40am	9.40am
11N	10.10am	10.10am
11S	11.00am	11.00am
11T	11.30am	11.30am

Year 13	First test: Tuesday 31st August (test only)	Second test: Friday 3rd September (tested during school day)
13B	12.30pm	12.30pm
13D	13.00pm	13.00pm
13H	13.30pm	13.30pm
13N	14.00pm	14.00pm
13S	14.30pm	14.30pm
13T	15.00pm	15.00pm

Year 9, 10 and 12

Year 9	First test: Wednesday 1st September (test only)	Second test: Monday 6th September (tested during school day)
9B	13.30pm	13.10pm
9D	13.50pm	13.40pm
9H	14.10pm	14.00pm
9N	14.30pm	14.20pm
9S	14.50pm	14.40pm
9T	15.10pm	15.00pm

Year 10	First test: Wednesday 1st September (test only)	Second test: Monday 6th September (tested during school day)
10B	8.30am	8.40am
10D	8.50am	9.00am
10H	9.10am	9.20am
10N	9.30am	9.45am
10S	9.50am	10.05am
10T	10.10am	10.35am

Year 12	First test: Wednesday 1st September (test only)	Second test: Monday 6th September (tested during school day)
12B	11.00am	11.05am

12D	11.20am	11.25am
12H	11.40am	11.45am
12N	12.00pm	12.10pm
12S	12.20pm	12.30pm
12T	12.40pm	12.50pm

Year 7 and 8

Year 7	First test: Thursday 2nd September (test only)	Second test: Tuesday 7th September (tested during school day)
7B	11.20am	11.25am
7D	11.40am	11.45am
7H	12.00pm	12.10pm
7N	12.20pm	12.30pm
7S	12.40pm	12.50pm
7T	13.00pm	13.10pm

Year 8	First test: Thursday 2nd September (test only)	Second test: Tuesday 7th September (tested during school day)
8B	8.30am	8.40am
8D	8.50am	9.00am
8H	9.10am	9.20am
8N	9.30am	9.45am
8N2	9.50am	10.05am
8S	10.10am	10.35am
8T	10.30am	11.05am

Additional Information

- This test differs slightly from the tests used previously and only requires a nasal swab (both nostrils). Trained and experienced staff will be on site to assist students with the process. There will also be written instructions in all testing booths.
- After the second test, students will be provided with home-testing kits to resume testing twice a week, ideally on a Sunday and a Wednesday or Thursday. This will continue until the end of

September when this will be reviewed by the Government. These test kits will require throat and nasal swabs.

- Students who are not taking part in the testing programme should return to school as normal on **Friday 3rd September**.

Consent

As this testing is the same process as we used back in March we will continue to use the original parental consent. However, if you have changed your mind and would like to add or withdraw your consent please email admin@danecourt.kent.sch.uk to let us know.

Year 7 Students

All parents of year 7 students should have received an email with a link to the consent form. If you would like your child to take part in the testing programme but have not yet completed the consent form please do so as soon as possible to enable us to process the information before we begin the testing. Testing is voluntary but we would encourage as many families as possible to give consent, however, if you decide that you do not give consent for your child to be tested, could you please email admin@danecourt.kent.sch.uk stating this, so that we can update their records accordingly.

Many thanks for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming the students back to school in September.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Jones', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr M Jones
Headteacher