

## **Testing Schedule – Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> / Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021**

If you have consented to your son/daughter having an onsite Lateral Flow Device Test (LFDT) then you are asked to observe the following schedule. Please note that on **Friday March 5<sup>th</sup>** Reading School Bus routes (83/82 combined and 84) will run at both the normal time and an hour later to support us with the testing schedule. Students who use either the 'normal' or the +1-hour route will be returned to Emmer Green/Caversham on buses leaving MECE at 11am. Details of the route and pick up times can be found at the end of this document.

Students using the school bus service will need to show their **School Bus pass**.

Students attending site to be tested **do not need to wear school uniform**

### **FRIDAY MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Years 7-9 students** who are **unable to make their own way to site** (walking, parent drop) **between 10am-12pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March** should catch the 'normal' Reading school bus on Friday morning (link below). Students will be tested and will need to wait on site in a designated space for their results. The school buses will run a return service at around 11am. (*please see schedule at the foot of this letter*)

**Year 10 -11 students** who are **unable to make their own way to site** (walking, parent drop) **between 11.30am-1pm Friday March 5<sup>th</sup>**: Catch the 2<sup>nd</sup> loop of 'normal' Reading school bus picking up approx. one hour after the usual times (i.e. a regular 8am pick up would take place from 9am). Students will be tested and then the buses will run a return service at around 11am. (*please see schedule at the foot of this letter*)

Students who rely on the **Oxfordshire bus services** will be tested on the morning of Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> (KS4) or Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup> (KS3) unless parents are able to bring them to site as below.

**If you are able to bring your son/daughter to site, or they are safely able to walk themselves** we ask they come in the following designated time slots:

**Years 10-11:** 11.30am – 1pm

Students attending in these slots will be tested and asked to make their way back off site immediately – if parents are bringing them they are requested to wait in the car park and not enter the school building with their son/daughter.

**If you have a child in Years 10 or 11 and they have younger siblings, the younger siblings may also attend at this time on the Friday.**

### **MONDAY MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>**

**All Year 10 and 11 students to attend school at normal time. Both Oxfordshire and Reading school bus services will be in place**

Any Y10 or Y11 student who has not been tested (and for whom we have consent) will be tested this morning upon arrival. All other students will have an extended tutor period and we anticipate face-to-face lessons resuming from period 2.

**If you are able to bring your son/daughter to site, or they are safely able to walk themselves** we ask they come in the following designated time slots:

**Years 7-9:** 10am – 12pm

Students attending in these slots will be tested and asked to make their way back off site immediately – if parents are bringing them they are requested to wait in the car park and not enter the school building with their son/daughter.

## **TUESDAY MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>**

**All students to attend school at normal time. Both Oxfordshire and Reading school bus services will be in place**

Any student who has not been tested (and for whom we have consent) will be tested this morning upon arrival. All other students will have an extended tutor period and we anticipate face-to-face lessons resuming for all students from period 2.

### **Movement of students coming to site for LFDT**

Students will be greeted in the car park and asked to enter the school building via the doors into the Main Hall. Here they will be signed in and asked to sit, socially distanced, in the main hall to await their test.

Students will be taken to the testing suite and guided through the testing process.

Upon completing their tests students will either be asked to head to the AV (if they are using school transport) or asked to make their way off site (through reception to sign out).

Students who are reliant on the school bus service will not be able to catch the school bus home if their test returns a positive result. Parents or Guardians will be called and you will need to make arrangements to come and collect your son/daughter.

Students who are making their way to site under their own steam or via parent transport are able to leave site immediately and await their results within their family bubble. Results will be sent to parents later the same day.

For students in Y10 or Y11 who are being tested upon their arrival to site on Monday (and similarly for Y7, Y8 or Y9 on Tuesday) they will be asked to enter the site and wait in the Main Hall before being taken to the testing suite and supervised through the process. Students will then be asked to wait in the AV Theatre for their results to return. Once a negative test result has been returned they will join their tutor group. If a positive test result is returned parents/guardians will be contacted and you will need to make arrangements to collect your son/daughter from site.

### **Return to School Testing FAQs**

#### **Do children have to have a test?**

*No, taking part in testing is voluntary and we do need parental consent for your child to take part. However, we would strongly encourage you to provide this so that we can operate safely in the knowledge that students are not on site whilst asymptomatic.*

#### **Do staff have to have a test?**

*No, staff testing is also voluntary. However, the MECE staff community are very engaged with the process and we anticipate this continuing as it moves to a home-testing regime from this week. All staff have been tested in school during the last week.*

## What if my child returns a positive result?

*If the Lateral Flow Device Test returns a positive result then your child and their household are required to enter a 10-day period of self-isolation. You will also be asked to organise a PCR test which will confirm the test result. We would also be required, as a school, to undertake track and trace in liaison with Public Health England and inform any members of our community who are deemed close contacts to enter a period of self-isolation.*

## How will my child receive an education if they are asked to self-isolate following a positive test result?

*Any student who is unable to attend face-to-face learning due to COVID self-isolation will be identified on the attendance record as 'X' and work will be provided for them to complete through Google Classroom.*

## What if my child can't attend the testing slot outlined above?

*If you are unable to attend during the time slot and your son/daughter is not able to use the bus service then they will be tested on either Monday (KS4) or Tuesday (KS3) upon their arrival to school.*

## 'Normal' School Bus service

Friar Street [FJ] .....	0755
Forbury Road [EL] .....	0757
Hills Meadow .....	0759
Caversham Laundry .....	0801
Washington Road .....	0802
St Johns Road .....	0803
Forge Close .....	0804
Amersham Road .....	0806
Ian Mikardo Way .....	0808
Nire Road .....	0810
Ian Mikardo Way .....	0811
Amersham Road .....	0812
Forge Close .....	0813
Montague Street .....	0813
Star Inn .....	0815
Chiltern Road .....	0816
Travellers Rest .....	0817
All Hallows Road .....	0817
Micklands Road .....	0818
Henley Road County Bounda .	0818
Devon Drive .....	0819
Dumbarton Way .....	0820
Littlestead Close .....	0821
Osterley Drive .....	0821
Queensway .....	0823
Fraser Avenue .....	0823
Kiln Road .....	0825
Courtenay Drive .....	0825
Rose Hill .....	0825
Abbey Rugby Club .....	0827
Bird in Hand Turn .....	0828
Essex Way .....	0829
Westleigh Drive Turn .....	0830
Chiltern Edge School .....	0832
Kidmore End Turn .....	0833
Post Office .....	0834
Brinds Corner .....	0835
Sedgewell Road .....	0836
Gravel Hill Top .....	0837
Peppard Stores .....	0838
Peppard Cricket Club .....	0839
Peppard Common, Unicorn . .	0840

## **Extraordinary Bus Services timetable (for Friday, 5 March only):**

### **Route 82**

<b>Reading, Caversham Road Fire Station</b>	<b>09:05</b>
Richmond Road	09:18
Southdown Road	09:26
St Barnabas' Church	09:27
Kiln Road	09:31
<b>MECE</b>	<b>09:38</b>
<b>MECE</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Kiln Road	11:05
St Barnabas' Church	11:07
Southdown Road	11:08
Richmond Road	11:15
<b>Reading, opp Caversham Road Fire Stn</b>	<b>11:30</b>

### **Route 84**

<b>Reading, Friar Street (stop FJ)</b>	<b>09:02</b>
Nire Road	09:15
Travellers Rest	09:22
<i>via Caversham Park Road</i>	
Kiln Road	09:30
<b>MECE</b>	<b>09:37</b>
<b>MECE</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Kiln Road	11:08
<i>via Lowfield Road</i>	
Travellers Rest	11:16
Nire Road	11:23
<b>Reading, Friar Street (stop FJ)</b>	<b>11:38</b>