



10/12/21

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Re-Opening Plans for January 2022**

I hope that you and your families are looking forward to the Christmas holidays and celebrating the festive season. In advance of your child returning to school in January, I am writing to confirm the plans for welcoming all our learners back to the academy from **w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**.

Decisions regarding arrangements for the return to school have now been finalised and, in line with government guidance, Beacon Hill Academy supported by Dudley Academies Trust will continue to be diligent and put in place a range of measures that will help facilitate the safe return of all our learners. As a minimum we will continue to:

- 1. LF test all learners before their return to school.**
2. Expect everyone in the academy (unless exempt) to wear a **face-covering in indoor spaces**, including classrooms.
3. Promote good hygiene for everyone – use of handwashing and hand sanitising.
4. Maintain our cleaning regimes.
5. Keep rooms well ventilated.
6. Follow Public Health and Government advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

A key part of the Government's plans for a safe return to school after Christmas is the mass testing of all secondary learners and staff prior to their return to the classroom using 'lateral flow tests'. This is a similar approach to the one taken when schools re-opened in September. Learners will be tested once at the academy when they return. Therefore, this will mean a 'staggered' start to school re-opening, which is outlined in the schedule below. On the day of their test, learners should return straight home following the test. Once learners have had their first day back, they will continue to attend the academy as normal.

| Date             | Detail                           | Mass Testing   |
|------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 03/01/22 (Mon)   | Bank Holiday                     |                |
| 04/01/22 (Tues)  | No learners in school            | Year 11, 10, 9 |
| 05/01/22 (Wed)   | Year 11, 10 and 9 in all lessons | Year 8 and 7   |
| 06/01/22 (Thurs) | Year 8 & Year 7 in all lessons   |                |

***Please see attached the times when your child is required to come into school to be tested. Learners should arrive at the mass testing centre (Drama Studio) 20 minutes before their test is due. They should enter the academy site via the main entrance and follow the directions.***

Over the coming days, we will be contacting any parents/carers for who we do not currently hold consent. In the interest of health and safety, we strongly encourage all learners and staff to be tested, although we will respect the personal choice of individual learners and their parents/carers.



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A separate Weduc message will be sent out on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January to remind you of the time your child is required to come to the academy as part of the mass testing. Anyone with a positive lateral flow coronavirus (COVID-19) test will be told to self-isolate and seek a PCR test. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the lateral flow test, a negative result will override the initial positive result, and the individual can return to the academy.

This is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. We recognise, however, the need to minimise any disruption to education and to continue to support your child's mental wellbeing. The government will continue to review the future need for testing in light of any changes to the public health situation.

We will continue to support and settle our learners whilst highlighting any key safety measures and expectations. However, to support us with this, we ask you to help reinforce these key messages with your child. The rate of COVID-19 infections is rising in Dudley. Beacon Hill Academy, along with the Trust, will be asking all learners and staff to continue to wear face masks in classrooms as well as all other areas of our academy when we return in January. This will continue to be reviewed regularly alongside government guidance.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will continue to work with the Trust and monitor the advice and guidance we receive from Public Health England, Dudley MBC and central government, including the Department for Education. Our approach will be informed by this and we will keep you updated on any national, regional or local changes which affect the key changes.

Working together we can continue to keep our community as safe as possible as we do return to school. As always, thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions or queries, please contact [helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk](mailto:helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,

**Mr S Dhami**  
**Principal**



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## Year 11

### Tuesday 4th January 2022

| Form  | Time    |
|-------|---------|
| 11STO | 9.00am  |
| 11CRE | 9.15am  |
| 11REM | 9.30am  |
| 11ROJ | 9.45am  |
| 11MPL | 10.00am |
| 11AAU | 10.15am |
| 11MSL | 10.30am |
| 11LOC | 10.45am |
| 11KPA | 11.00am |

## Year 10

### Tuesday 4th January 2022

| Form   | Time    |
|--------|---------|
| 10KFE  | 11.15am |
| 10WVKI | 11.30am |
| 10MBR  | 11.45am |
| 10FBO  | 12.00pm |
| 10DJU  | 12.15pm |
| 10BRL  | 12.30pm |
| 10JTH  | 12.30pm |

## Year 9

### Tuesday 4th January 2022

| Form | Time    |
|------|---------|
| 9SPE | 13.30pm |
| 9MCO | 13.45pm |
| 9ASI | 14.00pm |
| 9RKA | 14.15pm |
| 9CHO | 14.30pm |
| 9LDA | 14.45pm |
| 9ETU | 15.00pm |
| 9RSP | 15.15pm |

## Year 8

### Wednesday 5th January 2022

| Form | Time    |
|------|---------|
| 8ABD | 8.45am  |
| 8MMA | 9.00am  |
| 8MBH | 9.15am  |
| 8JJO | 9.30am  |
| 8KBA | 9.45am  |
| 8SSL | 10.00am |
| 8EHA | 10.15am |

## Year 7

### Wednesday 5th January 2022

| Form | Time    |
|------|---------|
| 7JAR | 10.30am |
| 7SSH | 10.45am |
| 7SUN | 11.00am |
| 7LWI | 11.15am |
| 7FKE | 11.30am |
| 7RHA | 11.45am |
| 7GBI | 12.00pm |
| 7CRM | 12.15pm |

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