COVID-19 Update, Mr Reynolds, Executive Principal,

Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I wrote last Friday saying that I would get in touch when we had more details around mass testing. I am now in a position to inform you that in the next few days you will receive a time when your child should present themselves for testing. They should go to the entrance of **Consett Leisure Centre** where a member of our staff will greet them and show them where to go. They will return back through the Leisure Centre entrance. They will not access the Academy until the next day, assuming a negative result (you will be notified by text from 'NHS Covid-19'). If you are dropping your child off please feel free to use the Leisure Centre car park. We anticipate each test will take approximately 15 minutes by the time they have registered, tested and walked to and from the testing area.

I have copied the dates below for each year group from my letter last week as a reminder.

From Monday 8 March all students will return on a phased basis according to how logistically we can manage the first batch of mass testing for students. Each year group will be tested (first test only) on one day and they will return to school the following day as follows:

Monday 8 March: **Year 11 & Year 9 to be <u>tested</u>**

Tuesday 9 March: **Year 10 & Year 8 to be <u>tested</u> / Year 11 & Year 9 to <u>return to school</u>**

Wednesday 10 March: **Sixth Form & Year 7 to be <u>tested</u> / Year 10 & Year 8 to <u>return to school</u>**

Thursday 11 March: **Sixth Form & Year 7 to <u>return to school</u>**

Tests 2 and 3 will be carried out during the second part of w/c 8 March and w/c 15 March on a rota basis whilst students are in school. All testing will strictly follow government guidelines.

When we have received the home testing kits for students we will write to you with further details about distribution and use.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact your child's Year Manager in the first instance.

Best wishes

Kevin Reynolds