



**THE DEAN TRUST**  
**Ashton on Mersey School**

Chief Executive: Mr Tarun Kapur CBE  
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3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a happy and restful Christmas break.

We are looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school this week and I write to remind you of the arrangements for the staggered start to the term.

### **Staggered start**

Remote lessons will start for **all pupils on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** as per their normal timetable. Please check Satchel for further information.

Government guidelines require each pupil to be tested once for COVID-19 before they start the school year. To enable us to do this safely and securely there will be a staggered start for all year groups. Please see below for the time for your child's year group. This is by form group. Please adhere to the scheduled time detailed below.

- Pupils should enter via the Langley Road Car Park entrance where they will be met by school staff and directed to the testing centre.
- Pupils will be supported in completing the test; pupils will be socially distanced at all times until the test result is confirmed negative; pupils will be released to classes once the confirmed test result is negative.
- Should your child test positive for COVID-19 they will be isolated from the rest of the year group and you will be contacted immediately to collect your child from school. Please be aware of this eventuality.
- Please find a link to a YouTube video of the self-testing procedure that your child will be supervised to undertake. They will only conduct the swabbing - our trained staff will process and read the results: [How to take an Orient Gene Rapid COVID-19 \(antigen\) self-test - YouTube](#)

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Tuesday 4th January						
Year Group: 11			Year group: 10		Year group: 12&13	
Time	Form		Time	Form	Time	Form
8.30	11ADD		10.50	10DAB	1.10	Y12
8.40	11EMP		11.00	10MEF		
8.50	11JED		11.10	10PLS		
9.00	11 MAR		11.20	11SRS		
9.10	11LUC		11.30	10TRL		
9.30	11ANH		11.40	10ANM	1.30	Y13
9.40	11JOJ		11.50	10IAT		
9.50	11LAP		12.00	10LIN		
10.00	11NAS		12.10	10SUS		
10.10	11SAS		12.20	10TNE		

Wednesday 5th January						
Year Group: 9			Year group: 8		Year group: 7	
Time	Form		Time	Form	Time	Form
8.30	9AMH		10.50	8ELL	1.10	7HAD
8.40	9IAM		11.00	8DMG	1.20	7JES
8.50	9JUS		11.10	8EZA	1.30	7KRK
9.00	9LNC		11.20	8ALC	1.40	7LAF
9.10	9PAC		11.30	8MAP	1.50	7LAR
9.30	9AIP		11.40	8LUP	2.00	7DAS
9.40	9JEH		11.50	8CLM	2.10	7EOL
9.50	9ANG		12.00	8JOP	2.20	7ELA
10.00	9REH		12.10	8MAH	2.30	7KEM
10.10	9YOR		12.20	8SRM	2.40	7SAH

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## Pupils who have opted out of testing

- **All years** – please enter school via main reception entrance at the start time for your year group. These pupils will be escorted to their timetabled lesson.

## Learning Provision

- To accommodate testing and the staggered start, remote learning will be provided for all pupils for when they are not on site. Every pupil will be provided with lessons using Googlemeet. Lesson invites and instruction will be sent from their class teachers via our VLE, Satchel. All pupils must log on by 9am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January for their lessons for the day. Lessons will be scheduled as per the normal school timetable.
- Pupils should follow the remote timetable until they are due on site for testing. At this point, once testing is complete, lessons will revert to in class learning. It is natural that some pupils will need to leave a remote lesson early to enable them to get to school in time for testing. Please do not worry if this is the case, we trust all pupils to access remote learning when they can and get to school in time for their allocated testing time.

## Ongoing COVID-19 mitigation

- **Masks – updated guidance:** Following Government advice on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, we are recommending that **face coverings are worn in classrooms** as well as in communal areas. The advice is short term only, to support pupils and teachers as they return to school this term. Please ensure that your child brings two masks with them into school each day.
- **Positive test result and self-isolation:** Pupils must only self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19. They should take a lateral flow test on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 8.
- **Track & Trace arrangements:** Education settings are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing. All close contacts of a positive case will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace. Please use this facility if your son/daughter tests positive for COVID-19.
- **Identification as close contact to an individual who has tested positive:** A daily LFT will need to be carried out for 7 days after contact. School will provide enough tests to accommodate daily testing. Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, if any of the following apply: they are fully vaccinated; they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months; they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial; or they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

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- **Home testing:** All pupils will continue to receive home test kits to allow them to test twice weekly as strongly encouraged by the NHS and the DfE. Ideally this should be on a Sunday evening and mid-week to help keep our school community as safe as possible. Please ask your child to test the evening before the day they are due to return ie. Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January or Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Should you have any further queries, please visit our school website in the first instance or direct any questions to us via the dedicated COVID-19 email address: [aomcovid@aom.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:aomcovid@aom.trafford.sch.uk)

Finally, may I wish you and your family a happy and healthy new year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L McConaghie

Headteacher

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