



6 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, the school experienced a very significant flood during the weekend which involved one of the main water tanks. As a result, a number of key areas in the M-block across all three floors has sustained a substantial amount of damage to classrooms, student social areas (including the canteen) and to staff offices.

An assessment of risk has been undertaken and I am pleased to inform you and to reassure you that whilst there is significant damage, the M-block is safe and fully compliant with health and safety requirements.

Creative Education Trust Officers, specialist contractors and cross-academy maintenance staff met on site this morning to plan and agree action and work has started to address the repairs that are required and to dry the M-block out. Plans for investment in the school site will be accelerated as a result of this event.

Please be assured that we are working tirelessly to ensure that all facilities are fully operational by Monday 13/9/2021.

As consequence we have had to make some make changes to the start of term for students which are detailed below.

I apologise for the inconvenience and upset that this event has caused to you and to your child(ren).

Arrangements for testing

The government has asked that we test students twice in their first two weeks back in school, with tests required to be between three and five days apart. The first two tests will be conducted on site with the testing team; students will then be expected to continue testing at home from the 13/9/2021.



We plan to test students on the following dates over the two-week period. **You will receive a text inviting you to attend with a date and time of when to arrive on site.**

On the day of the test, students must enter the school via Gate 3 on Weavers Road (nearest the school hall) and proceed to the school hall. Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 will leave the school site and return home after testing.

Years 12 and 13 will return to school on Wednesday 8/9/2021;

- Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 return to school on Monday 13/9/2021; and
- Year 7 have alternative arrangements which are outlined in the next section.

Schedule for testing and return to school

Year Group	Testing Day	Return to School Day
Year 7	Test Tuesday 7 th	Remain in school Tuesday 7 th
Year 8	Test Thursday 9 th	Return to school Monday 13 th
Year 9	Test Wednesday 8 th	Return to school Monday 13 th
Year 10	Test Thursday 9 th	Return to school Monday 13 th
Year 11	Test Tuesday 7 th	Return to school Monday 13 th
Year 12/13	Test Tuesday 7 th	Return to school Wednesday 8 th

Whilst the government is encouraging all students and staff to participate in testing, arrangements are of course voluntary **and any testing will only take place with consent**. All parents and carers are required to complete the attached Microsoft Form giving or declining consent and on this occasion an email will not be sufficient. The new in-school tests are nasal swab only.

Thank you if you have already completed this, if not please follow the link below to complete the form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yu1GLt0A20uVy2z1Ys-7pK-XmqrZVEtMtt4v7HITJERURUJLTzNMOUtPRk1IUTVKU0IwVUZDV0ZXUC4u>

If you have any queries regarding the testing process, please contact us via the link below:

masstesting@weaversacademy.org.uk



Testing schedule

Tuesday 7 th			
Year Group	Form Group	Start Time	Finish Time
12	All	10:30	10:50
13	All	10:50	11:15
7	Da/Db/Dc	11:30	12:00
7	Ga/Gb/Gc	12:00	12:30
7	Ua/Ub/Uc	12:30	13:00
11	Da/Db/Dc	13:15	13:45
11	Ga/Gb/Gc	13:45	14:15
11	Ua/Ub/Uc	14:15	14:45
Wednesday 8 th			
Year Group	Form Group	Start Time	Finish Time
9	Da/Db/Dc	11:30	12:00
9	Ga/Gb/Gc	12:00	12:30
9	Ua/Ub/Uc	12:30	13:00
Thursday 9 th			
Year Group	Form Group	Start Time	Finish Time
10	Da/Db/Dc	09:00	09:30
10	Ga/Gb/Gc	09:30	10:00
10	Ua/Ub/Uc	10:00	10:30
8	Da/Db/Dc	11:30	12:00
8	Ga/Gb/Gc	12:00	12:30
8	Ua/Ub/Uc	12:30	13:00

Timetable arrangements – Year 7

Year 7 will remain in school from Tuesday 7/9/2021 after their test. They should arrive at school 10 minutes before their allocated test time (as per the schedule above).

Once tested, Year 7 students will attend their tutor rooms in the E block to spend time with their tutors. The first tutorial session will focus on 'getting to know you' activities. If your child is in tutor group 7UA (Mrs Jethwa), they have been relocated from M29 to E13 with the rest of their year group.

Students in Year 7 will attend school every day this week from Tuesday 7/9/2021 and will access a bespoke, personalised induction curriculum. Students in Year 7 will not require their PE kit on Tuesday 7/9/2021.



Students in Year 7 must bring a packed lunch with them each day until the canteen resumes normal service on Monday 13/9/2021.

If your child is eligible for a free school meal voucher, parents/carers will receive these via email to cover the period up to and including Friday 10/9/2021.

If there are any issues with this please contact via:

weafsmenquiries@weaversacademy.org.uk

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Once they have had their lateral flow test, Years 12 and 13 should return home. On Wednesday 8/9/2021 Years 12 and 13 will attend for their tutorial in the sixth form study area on their arrival to school.

Years 12 and 13 will follow their usual subject timetable after tutorial. However, some rooms have been relocated whilst remedial work is undertaken and students will be advised of this on their arrival to school.

Students in Sixth Form must bring a packed lunch with them each day until the canteen resumes normal service on Monday 13/9/2021.

If your child is eligible for a free school meal voucher, parents/carers will receive these via email to cover the period up to and including Friday 10/9/2021.

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Year 11 online arrangements

Work has been set for students to complete on MS Teams for the remainder of this week.

Students will find work has been set that allows them to consolidate their learning from Year 10. The work will enable them to move forward in their learning more effectively on their return to school next week. The work will be available to access on MS Teams from 8am on Wednesday 8/9/2021. Please note that 'live' lessons will not be delivered and students should complete the work set at the most suitable time for them. This will also allow them to schedule their work around other commitments, such as the on-site testing.



Laptop roll out

Due to the impact of the flood on the IT provisions we need to postpone Chromebook collections to the week beginning 13/9/2021. We apologise for the inconvenience caused.

To book your collection again please go to:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/WeaversAcademy@ceatcloud.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Please note that we can only issue Chromebooks once they have been paid for and to a person that has parental responsibility or is listed as contact in student's record.

To make a payment if you have not done so already, please login to ParentPay at <https://www.parentpay.com/> and click "Pay for other items".

If you have issues accessing your account or if you would like to apply for Pupil Premium (PP) discount, please contact the Finance Office at:

finance@weaversacademy.org.uk

Contacting the school

The school switchboards are now fully operational so that you can contact the school.

Tutors will be contacting students in the forthcoming days to check-in.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school should you wish to discuss these arrangements in more detail.

Please title your email FAO of the Vice-Principals at:

enquiries@weaversacademy.org.uk

You can also contact the school on: 01933 222830

Many thanks for your understanding and please be assured of our continuing support.

Yours sincerely

Vivien Swaida
Principal