



# BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Starting 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

## Message from Miss Morris

Following my letter to you earlier this week, if you have given consent for your child to take part in the onsite LFD testing from 8th March, you will receive a separate letter in the post with a detailed guide to the arrangements for testing, including the allocated time slot for your child.

The return to school for all students will be phased to allow for the first round of testing to take place from Monday 8th March to Thursday 11th March. If your child is taking part in the testing, they can return following a negative test result on the date indicated below. If your child is not taking part in the testing, they should return on the same date as their year group as detailed below.

	Testing Date	Return to Lessons on Site
Year 11	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Vulnerable/Key Worker Provision	Monday 8th March	Tuesday 9th March
Year 10	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 7	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 9	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 8	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March

Throughout the testing period, livestreamed lessons will continue for all students until they return on site to the Academy.

Please remember that all students, except those with a medical exemption, will be expected to wear a face mask at all times inside the Academy.

Thank you for your continuing support. We are looking forward to welcoming back students from the 8th March.

## World Book Day – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

- A reminder that local author Dan Smith will be virtually visiting our Year 7 and Year 8 students during Period 1 this coming Thursday to celebrate the day.
- During World Book Day our Leadership Team will be reading a short-story to all students at the Academy and this will be spread out across the day at the beginning of lessons.
- Students are also encouraged to enter our Fancy Dress Reading Competition on the day sending their submissions to: [armstrong.c1@biddickacademy.com](mailto:armstrong.c1@biddickacademy.com)

## Information on Personal safety apps

- **Hollie Guard** is a panic/distress app which has replaced the old panic alarms. The app is available for all smart phones and creates a way for someone to contact the police without ringing or saying anything.
- Users can input allocated personal safety contacts (someone they trust) and, should someone find themselves in danger, they can shake the phone to make a sonic sound and it will record short bursts of video using the phone's camera. This will then send a message to their emergency contact. The GPS location of the person will also be sent for police to be able to locate them. This app must be running in the background.
- **Bright Sky** – is an information gathering app and it is disguised as a weather app on the phone. This app signposts the victim to local domestic abuse agencies and charities, and it collates evidence. The data is sent via email to the app developer making it secure and discrete.
- These apps are available by the app store on your smart device.