

20th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID-19 testing in school for key worker and vulnerable students

I am pleased to inform you that we have been completing lateral flow tests on school staff for the last 10 days. We have re-purposed the changing rooms and had them converted into testing bays, whilst colleagues have engaged with the necessary training and passed all required assessments in order to administer and process the tests accurately.

We are only offering these lateral flow tests for those **without coronavirus symptoms**. We are following the guidance issued by Public Health Luton and asking that any close contacts of a person who has tested positive for covid 19 complete the self isolation period and do not enter the school site until this has been completed.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and students to remain in our schools safely. Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms and by testing we will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our schools as safe as possible.

I must emphasise that the testing programme is voluntary, but I would encourage everyone to participate.

Please find [attached](#) an instructional leaflet and further information on how the tests are taken.

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy using a swab of the nose and throat. Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly with staff and students participating. Where participants are under 16, parents/carers will only be informed if the result is positive so please ensure it is your mobile number that is included on the consent form.

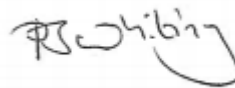
Please complete the [Consent/Registration Form](#) (one per student) by Friday 22 January 2021.

Thank you again for your continued support throughout this difficult period.

Yours sincerely,



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Interim Headteacher



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