

10th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst we have continued to update you through the weekly newsletter we wanted to take stock following the most recent announcements regarding the expectation of schools to conduct a single lateral flow test with students at the start of the Spring Term, before sharing our plans for a safe and smooth return to school for all of our students in the New Year.

As you will be aware all students are strongly encouraged to complete lateral flow tests upon their return to school on site. The changing rooms remain 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**. If you have been contacted by NHS Test and Trace to self isolate please do not enter the school site until this period has been completed.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, this test 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 spread of the virus and help to keep our school as safe as possible.

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

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained school staff. The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy involving a swab of both nostrils. Results (which take approximately 30 minutes from testing) will be shared directly with the parents of students participating, so please ensure it is the parents' mobile number that is included on the consent form which you will find in the link below.

It would be most helpful if you could take the time to complete the attached updated consent form by Tuesday 14th December 2021, which will be pivotal in assisting us with our planning: [Consent Form](#). Even if you have previously consented we require you to complete the consent form once again please.

The details regarding the day on which your child's year group will be tested, and subsequently return to school, can be found overleaf.

Year 7:	Year 8:	Year 9:	Year 10:	Year 11:
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Please rest assured the measures currently in place to keep one another safe will remain in place on our return:

- **Face coverings in communal areas**

Students, Staff and visitors are recommended to wear a face covering.

- **Twice weekly LFD testing**

Students have been provided with additional test kits this week to enable testing to be carried out every Sunday and Wednesday. If there is an increase in numbers within a specific year group we will provide additional tests to enable daily contact testing to be carried out.

- **Classroom Ventilation**

We will continue to ensure classrooms are well ventilated. All our classrooms are fitted with CO₂ monitors which sound an alarm if the level is detected as high. We also have automatic sensors in the rooms which cause the windows to open, to refresh the air as required.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a restful break. I look forward to seeing our student body back in school in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Hand', written over a light blue horizontal line.

K Hand
Headteacher