

9 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

LFD Testing

You may have seen across the national news that all students have been requested to complete an onsite covid-19 lateral flow test prior to their return in January. This is to identify any potential cases following communities coming together over the Christmas break.

This letter outlines our plans for a staggered January return to support the testing process. We are also requesting that all parents and carers again complete an updated consent for their child as it is a long period since we last requested this information.

Approximately one third of all cases of covid-19 occur without symptoms and young people are more likely to experience no symptoms than those who are older.

LFD tests are quick and self-administered by students within school and the process is overseen by a team of trained staff who can offer advice and support.

We have sent out a link to a consent form <https://forms.gle/gxgLacbW6QmjfiwN9> and we can offer paper consent forms if you prefer, available from SID, asking you to give consent for your son or daughter to have LFD tests in school. We require you to give consent at this time even if you have given consent for your son/daughter to be tested previously.

We would also urge that as many parents as possible consent to the test as this increases the safety of the whole school community.

After students have had a test in school, they will be issued with further test kits to take at home. By taking tests at home there is a legal requirement to record results with NHS Test and Trace. We also request that you update the academy with test results via our academy form <https://forms.gle/6Y3Zym2x5sEApoQn6>.

Full instructions are provided on how to take the test and see the results.

Return to School Dates and Testing

In order to complete testing as students return to school after the Christmas holidays we will stagger the start date for return to school for each year group to allow time to test students.

Please note that Tuesday 4th January is a training day, therefore students will only be on site for their tests if invited in on this date.

Year Group	Date of First Test	Time of Test	Return To School Date
Year 7 Surname A - M	Wednesday 5th January	9:00am - 10.30am	Thursday 6th January
Year 7 Surname N - Z	Wednesday 5th January	10:30am - 12:00pm	Thursday 6th January
Year 8 Surname A - M	Wednesday 5th January	12:00am - 13:30pm	Thursday 6th January
Year 8 Surname N - Z	Wednesday 5th January	13:30pm - 14:30pm	Thursday 6th January
Year 9 Surname A - M	Thursday 6th January	9:00am - 10.30am	Friday 7th January
Year 9 Surname N - Z	Thursday 6th January	10:30am - 12:00pm	Friday 7th January
Year 10 Surname A - M	Tuesday 4th January	12:00am - 13:30pm	Wednesday 5th January
Year 10 Surname N - Z	Tuesday 4th January	13:30pm - 14:30pm	Wednesday 5th January
Year 11 Surname A - M	Tuesday 4th January	9:00am - 10.00am	Wednesday 5th January
Year 11 Surname N - Z	Tuesday 4th January	10:00am - 11:00am	Wednesday 5th January
Year 12 & 13	Tuesday 4th January	11.00am - 12:00pm	Wednesday 5th January

Testing will be in the PE Sports hall. Access can be gained via the Windmill Balk Lane entrance and you will be directed to the testing room without coming into the main building. Each test takes approximately five minutes.

The more students who come into school for their LFD test during this week, the safer our return will be. We therefore really look forward to seeing as many students as possible for their test on the dates above.

There will be online lessons through Google Classroom on Wednesday 5th January for students in years 7 and 8, and also Thursday 6th January for Year 9.

Thank you very much for your support with this.

Yours faithfully,



Andy Scruby
Principal