



16th December 2021

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Re: Lateral flow device testing (LFD) on return to school in January

I hope that you and your family are all are keeping safe and well.

For returning to school in January, the government has advised that all students will be offered the opportunity to take a lateral flow device test in school. If you indicated that you would like your child to be tested in school, a letter and consent form has been posted out to you. If you previously did not express that you would like your child to be tested in school and now would like them to be, you will need to complete the consent form on the VLE, you may withdraw this at any point, and see details on the date and time slots for the test below.

The test being taken in school will be administered by the student and they will be supervised in this process by trained staff. If your child has received a positive test result within the last 90 days they cannot be tested at this stage.

If you have consented for your child to be tested they should come in to school on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**. **Students in years 7, 8 & 9 should come for the morning session any time between 9:00 am – 11:00 am and students in years 10 & 11 should come for the afternoon session any time between 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm**. Students should come through the green gate at the drama end of the building, through the back playground towards the Cooper Hall. There will be parking for parents on the back playground. If you have children in different year groups across the two time slots, they can come at the same time in the morning slot. Please note for the test, bags and uniform are not required but they must bring the signed consent form attached.

Please however, do not send your child into school if they have symptoms. If they have symptoms, they should stay home, seek a Covid-19 test by phoning 111 or through the government website and isolate for 10 days. The symptoms of Covid-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Start of new term

Tuesday 4th January 2022 – staff training day – school closed to students

Wednesday 5th January 2022 – staff training day – school closed to students unless attending for testing

Thursday 6th January 2022 – school open as normal to all students

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher