

24<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

**Re: Lateral flow testing (LFT) on return to school in September**

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

For returning to school in September, the government has advised that all students will be offered the opportunity to take two lateral flow tests in school, three to five days apart. If you indicated in July 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 first test below.

The two tests 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 **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**. **Students in years 7, 8 & 9 should come for the morning session any time between 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and students in years 10 & 11 should come for the afternoon session any time between 12:30 – 2:15 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. Their second test time will be confirmed via text message.

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 academic year**

**For all pupils in Year 7 school starts on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 8:40 am.**

**For pupils in years 8, 9, 10 & 11 school starts on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 8:40 am.**

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are looking forward to welcoming students back to school for the new academic year.

Yours sincerely



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