

13 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

## COVID-19 Testing

As you may recall from the most recent letter from the Headteacher, in order to quickly identify any presence of COVID-19 at the start of next term, schools are required to offer staff and students a single Lateral Flow Test upon their return to school.

The school can only administer tests to students for whom parental consent has been given. If you have not yet given consent for your child to receive a test, and would now like to do so, you must complete the consent form that can be found [HERE](#) and on our website. The deadline for giving your consent will be **midday on Monday 20 December**.

If you have already given consent, you do not need to do so again. We thank you in advance for the quick response to this to support our planning for the return to school.

In order to ensure the testing takes place as efficiently as possible, we have taken the decision to **stagger the start to face to face teaching in January, meaning that some students will need to access remote learning prior to their return to face to face teaching**.

Please read through the following carefully to ensure you know when your child's year group will be returning to school for face to face learning.

### Return dates for each year group:

Date	Year Group return to school date
Thursday 6 January 2022	Year 10 Year 11 Year 12 Year 13
Friday 7 January 2022	Year 7 Year 9
Monday 10 January 2022	Year 8 (All student back in school for face to face teaching)

On these days, students from these Year groups will administer the test themselves, under the supervision of trained staff, in the same way as when these tests were completed previously in September.

Students will be advised of the timing of their test by their tutor during morning registration on the day of their return to school.

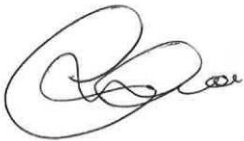
Most of our students are very familiar now with self-testing. However, as always, any students who require it, will be given appropriate support by trained staff at our Lateral Flow Testing Centre

### Remote Learning Arrangements

**All students will access their learning from Thursday 6 January.** Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 will be invited to join lessons through their Google Classrooms until it is their day to return to school. Students are very familiar with how to do this now, however, there are full instructions on the school website for anyone having difficulty. These can be found [HERE](#)

I wish you a most enjoyable holiday.

Yours sincerely



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