



4th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Student Covid-19 Lateral Flow Testing

On Monday 8th March we will be inviting all students who have consented to be tested into school for their first lateral flow Covid-19 test.

We will be operating a number of staff testing and supervising teams to assist your child with the testing process. There will be clear guidance provided on the day and our trained staff will address any concerns students may have. Those students who are currently attending school (key worker/vulnerable pods) can continue to attend on their allocated days, in non-uniform, and if consent has been given will be tested with their year group.

As I am sure you will appreciate, this testing schedule is a huge undertaking and we need to process approximately 1000 students and tests, in one day. In light of this, please can we ask that you follow the guidance below:

Arrival, Testing and Exit:

- **Students must arrive at the start of their allocated time slot.** This is critical so we can stick to the tight schedule. Each year group has an allocated gate:
 - **Y7 - Grammar School Lane; student gate beyond the tennis courts.** Exiting from the same gate using a one-way system. Marshalls will be visible and will guide students onto and off site.
 - **Y8 - 13 Crosby Road student entrance;** exiting onto Colstan Road using a one-way system. Marshalls will be visible and will guide students onto and off site.
- **There will be no parking available on the school site. The main gates will only be open for key worker/vulnerable students to enter on foot.**
- If you intend to drop your child/children off for their test please can you drop off and then arrange a pick up point that does not cause congestion for other parents or residents in the local community.
- **Parents/carers will not be able to enter the site** to accompany their child for the test, this is in line with Covid control measures.
- Students:
 - Must not have any covid symptoms. If they do, they will not be tested. They must isolate and book a PCR test.
 - Will need warm/waterproof clothing as the queueing systems are all outside.
 - Must not have had anything to eat or drink 30 minutes prior to the test.
- **Testing should take approximately 30 minutes**, but please bear with us if it takes slightly longer than anticipated.
- If a student refuses to test, deliberately spoils their test or acts in an unsafe manner they will be sent away and will not be tested.
- Students will leave the site as soon as they have had their test and must maintain social distancing measures. They will not be allowed to wait for friends and must not congregate in the community. In this way, if there is a positive test only the child with the positive test will need to self-isolate.
- Although there are no live lessons all subject teachers have provided students with learning material that can be accessed through Google Classroom. **Students should follow their timetable and return to learning as soon as possible.**



Uniform and Face Coverings:

- **School uniforms do not need to be worn for testing days.**
- Students must wear a face mask and only take this off when carrying out the swabbing process, unless exempt.

On Site Test Results:

You should receive a text and an email from NHS England with the result of your child's test. However, should you not receive this, please assume that the test result is negative unless we contact you. The school will make contact with any parent of a positive test result. **Could we respectfully request that you do not contact the school for test results.**

Guidance:

Students must follow the coronavirus (Covid-19) public health guidance and should not return to school if they, or anyone in their household(s) or support bubble, have symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19), if they have been in close contact with anyone who has tested positive, or if they have received a positive test result themselves.

Mr Wilkinson will be providing a video tutorial, on Friday 5th March, which will show students the route through to each testing venue and what to expect at each point. Parent/carers and students might find it helpful to read the instructions on this leaflet for self-swabbing [here](#) and [watch the NHS video](#) about what to expect from the process. **Please can you spend time with your child talking through the process, so they know what to expect on the day.**

Testing Schedule:

Tutor Group	Time	Venue		Tutor Group	Time	Venue
7SAL	8.30am	Small Gym		10POL	10.00am	Sports Hall
7ARI	9.00am	Small Gym		10IJO	10.00am	Sports Hall
7CSA	9.30am	Small Gym		10MWI	10.00am	Sports Hall
7DTH	10.00am	Small Gym		10JKR	11.00am	Sports Hall
7NST	11.00am	Small Gym		10GIE	11.00am	Sports Hall
7LAN	11.30am	Small Gym		10NTO	11.00am	Sports Hall
7GTA	12.00pm	Small Gym		10AST	11.30am	Sports Hall
8KNE	2.00pm	Sports Hall		11AJ0	8.30am	Sports Hall
8BOD	2.00pm	Sports Hall		11SOS	8.30am	Sports Hall
8NEL	2.00pm	Sports Hall		11SJE	8.30am	Sports Hall
8CWI	2.30pm	Sports Hall		11MTU	9.00am	Sports Hall



8LRO	2.30pm	Sports Hall	11AHV	9.00am	Sports Hall
8KNO	2.30pm	Sports Hall	11NAT	9.00am	Sports Hall
8DWE	3.30pm	Sports Hall	11TBU	9.30am	Sports Hall
9JBA	11.30am	Sports Hall	11MLA	9.30am	Sports Hall
9EMY	11.30am	Sports Hall	12HBA	4.00pm	Sports Hall
9EMA	12.00pm	Sports Hall	11CBN	4.00pm	Sports Hall
9MLB	12.00pm	Sports Hall	12SWR	4.00pm	Sports Hall
9LJO	12.00pm	Sports Hall	13ASC	4.30pm	Sports Hall
9RMU	1.30pm	Sports Hall	13CCO	4.30pm	Sports Hall
9CSC	1.30pm	Sports Hall	13MHE	4.30pm	Sports Hall

This letter pertains only to the testing days, which are **Monday 8th; Friday 12th** and **Monday 15th**. I will be sending out further information for parents/carers and students, in regard to the full return to school, on Friday.

Again, I thank you for the overwhelming response we have had to the testing drive; for the positive messages we have received and for your appreciation that this is a huge undertaking and all the decisions we have made are in line with Government guidance and in the best interests of our students and the wider school community.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School