

16th July 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme. Please continue to encourage your child to test twice weekly and report the results until the end of the summer term.

The asymptomatic testing programme is being paused for students in secondary schools and colleges that will be closed over the summer holidays.

If you or your child are not attending a setting over the summer but wish to access rapid lateral flow testing, you can continue to do so by ordering LFD test kits from GOV.UK or by collecting kits from your local pharmacy.

I would like to update you on our plans for mass testing upon our return in the autumn term. The government has said schools must offer two tests on site three to five days apart and can stagger students' return over the first week back to facilitate testing, however we wish to disrupt students' learning as little as possible. Therefore, our revised plans are as follows:

- **All students will return to school on Wednesday 8th September 2021** - this includes new Year 7 and Year 12 students. There will be a full induction to our new school site for all students on this day;
- **Tuesday 7th September 2021 will be a testing day for all students** which will allow them to go home immediately after their test and contain any positive cases;
- the second test for all students will take place during the normal school day on Friday 10th September.

To facilitate this plan, we need to seek your consent for the testing which will be self-administered by students under our supervision. The school has been sent a different type of lateral flow device that requires a nose swab only and provides a result in 15 minutes. Please [click here](#) to complete the consent form by **9am on Monday 19th July 2021**, even if you do not give consent, so we can finalise our arrangements before the end of the term. Please complete one consent form for each child you wish to participate in testing. If you are a Year 11 parent whose child is not returning to our sixth form, please disregard this communication. A privacy notice is also attached.

Once we have received consent, we will provide further details of your child's test time and arrangements for Tuesday 7th September. Please be assured, as before, the test site will be run by our own staff who are marvellous at supporting the students and putting them at ease during the quick testing process.

As has been the case throughout the pandemic, plans could be affected at any time by changes in government advice and guidance. We will keep you informed if this happens.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs V Rahn
Head of School