



19 August 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Student Covid-19 Lateral Flow Testing

On Tuesday 7th September 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.

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.
- Students will be tested in the gym at the new site on Brompton Road.
- Students should enter the school via the pedestrian gate on Brompton Road, on 'East' (Cuthbert), located next to the bridge and will exit via the gate on Turker Lane. Marshalls will be visible and will guide students onto and off site.
- **There will be no parking available on the school site.**
- 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.
- 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.
- **Testing should take approximately 20 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.

Uniform and Face Coverings:

- **School uniforms do not need to be worn for the first testing day.**
- It is not a requirement for students to wear a face mask however they may do so if they wish.

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 have symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19) or if they have received a positive test result themselves.

Testing Schedule:

All students will be invited in alphabetical order (by surname) to attend testing. Please see schedule below:

| Surname | Time | | Surname | Time |
|---------|---------|--|---------|--------|
| A | 8.45am | | P - Q | 1.00pm |
| B | 9.00am | | R | 1.15pm |
| C - D | 9.30am | | S | 1.30pm |
| E - G | 10.00am | | T - V | 2.00pm |
| H | 10.30am | | W | 2.15pm |
| I - L | 11.00am | | Y - Z | 3.00pm |
| M - O | 12.30pm | | | |

This letter pertains only to the first testing day on Tuesday 7th September. The second testing day will take place on Friday 10th September and will be carried out during the school day.

If you did not complete the consent form for testing and now wish for your child to be tested on site please email enquiries@northallertonschool.org.uk and we will arrange for a consent form to be sent to you for completion and return.

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