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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Re: COVID-19 testing in school at the start of the new academic year

We hope you have had a restful and relaxing summer. As with the reopening of schools in March following lockdown, we are required to test all students for COVID-19 twice, once prior to their return and once after they return. A second Lateral Flow Test (LFT) will take place in school within 3-5 days of the first test. We do appreciate that in some cases this will mean that the start of term is delayed for some of our students. Please be assured we have worked hard to put in place the best possible plan for our seven year groups, ensuring all of our community is safe, whilst providing the best possible educational provision.

Due to the logistics of having to test every child in the school, the following arrangements for the testing and return to school have been put in place:

- Monday 23rd August – Year 7 students to be tested; return to school on Wednesday 25th
- Tuesday 24th August – Year 8 and Year 11 to be tested; return to school on Wednesday 25th
- Thursday 26th August – Year 10 to be tested; return to school on Friday 27th
- Tuesday 31st August – Year 13 to be tested. In school Wednesday 1st September
- Wednesday 1st September – Year 9 and Year 12 students to be tested; return to school on Thursday 2nd September

If you completed a consent form for your child to be tested in March **you do not need to complete a consent form again**. If you did not wish for your child to be tested in March, but you would like them to be tested now, please complete the online consent form and submit by **Wednesday 18th August 5pm the latest**. Likewise, if your child was tested in March, but you no longer wish them to be tested, again, please complete the consent form. Please find the consent link/ form further on in the letter.

Students in Years 8-13 will receive an invite, informing them of their time slot for their first LFT week commencing 16th August 2021. Students should aim to arrive 5 minutes prior to their LFT appointment and go straight to the gym. We encourage all of our students to maintain safe COVID-19 practices where possible.

Many thanks for your support in ensuring our students and staff have a safe start to the academic year. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,

Lisa Hickman

Head of School



Further information on testing:

The test is voluntary. Students will still be allowed to attend school even if they do not have the test, however in the interest of the safety of our school community it is strongly encouraged.

The easiest way to return these forms to school, if you have not already given consent, is to complete them via the online form (the link for this is included later on in this letter) or alternatively print and complete page 3 of this letter and send it in with your child.

Students taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to use by taking a swab of the throat and nose.

Results will be processed within 30 minutes of taking the swabs and will be shared directly with the students participating. Parents/carers will be informed if there is a positive test result.

If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days then they should not be tested as a further positive test is likely.

What if a student tests positive?

Participating students who test positive will be informed about their results individually. Parents/carers will also be notified if their child tests positive. Guidance on safe travel and additional precautions will be provided along with test results.

Students who test positive will need to take a further 'PCR test' (similar to those done in local and regional testing sites) on the same day (or as soon as possible). During this time whilst awaiting the PCR result (via text / email) self-isolation will need to take place.

If the PCR test returns a positive result all self-isolation guidance from the NHS Test and Trace will need to be followed. However, schools no longer have to carry out track and trace and send students home for self-isolation, as this will be done by the NHS.

What happens if the test is negative?

Students will be able to return to school on their return date. **Further details regarding the time of arrival on their designated date are to follow w/b 16th August 2021.** Students will only be notified if they test positive on a lateral flow test, so if your child is not told the outcome of the test, it means the test was negative. A small number of students may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason.

What if a student develops symptoms?

This testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. Students who develop symptoms at any time (such as a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste or other symptoms identified by the World Health Organisation that are linked to COVID-19) must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Please find the link below to complete the registration and consent form if it was not completed for testing in March.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mTrIOEhF_EykaKHgT8HKH3b-gK-IEeIFgExgOcZKiKJUNzU0VUhOREtBNEpMWVZDQTU2RkhFWTNZNi4u&lang=en-GB

If you have any difficulties accessing the form or have any questions regarding the collection and submission of this data, please contact the school.

NHS Test and Trace consent form for COVID-19 testing

This common consent form has been designed for use by parents and guardians of pupils and under 16s, pupils and students over 16 and staff.

- **For pupils and students younger than 16 years** - this form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian. Please complete one consent form for each child you wish to enrol.
- **Pupils and students over 16** can complete this form themselves, having discussed participation with their parent / guardian if under 18.
- **Staff will complete this form themselves.**

1. I have had the opportunity to consider the information provided by the school/college about the testing, ask questions and have had these answered satisfactorily, based on the information presented in the letter.

2. In the case of under 16s, I have discussed the testing with my child and my child is happy to participate. If on the day of testing they do not wish to take part, then they will not be made to do so and consent can be withdrawn at any time ahead of the test.

3. I consent to having / my child having a nose and throat swab for a lateral flow test.

4. I consent that my / my child's sample(s) will be tested for the presence of COVID-19..

5. I understand that if my child / my result(s) are negative on the lateral flow test I will not be contacted by the school/college except where they/you are a close contact of a confirmed positive.

6. If the lateral flow test indicates the presence of COVID-19, I consent to my child having / having a nose and throat swab for confirmatory PCR testing, which shall be sent the same day to an NHS Test & Trace laboratory.

7. I consent that I / they will need to self-isolate following a positive lateral flow test result, until the results of the confirmatory PCR have been received.

8. I agree that if my / my child's test results are confirmed to be positive from this PCR test, I will report this to the school / college and I understand that I/ my child will be required to self-isolate following public health advice.

9. I consent that if a close contact of my child tests positive but I / my child has tested negative, I / they will continue to attend school / college but will be tested every day at school / college for 7 days.

Name of Student (PRINT) _____

Year group _____

Name of Parent/Carer if under 16 (PRINT) _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Relationship to child if they are under 16 _____