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Dear Parent / Carer

Lateral Flow testing

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 Lateral Flow testing programme. The asymptomatic testing programme is being paused for students in secondary schools that are closed over the summer holidays. If you wish for your child to continue to test over the summer holidays, you can continue to do so by ordering LFD test kits from GOV.UK or by collecting kits from your local pharmacy.

We are unsure about the Covid situation we will face when we return to school in the autumn, so we want to be prepared for all scenarios. Subject to Public Health advice, testing may restart upon our return in September. If it does, we expect to be able to offer your child two tests on-site before continuing regular testing continues at home. One of these tests will be offered before they return to school and one 6 days later, once they are in school. Please find a list of testing times for each form below.

When attending school for testing, students will need to enter the site via the main gate and will need to arrive promptly at their allocated time. As soon as they have been tested they may leave.

Please complete the form below, by Friday 6th August, to let us know whether your child intends to attend the testing and also give consent for the test. Unfortunately, we will be unable to carry out any testing without parental consent.

<https://forms.gle/ec9dWxTLP8KyLpwbA>

Note – All second test times will be communicated to pupils once they are in school.

Time	Tuesday 31st August	Wednesday 1st September	Thursday 2nd September	Friday 3rd September
	Main hall	Main hall	Main hall	Main hall
8.30-9.00	7ST1	8SW2	9SW	11CH
9.00-9.30	7ST2	8SS	9CL2	11ST
9.30-10.00	7SS	8ST	10CH1	11SW
10.00-10.30	7SW	8CH	10CH2	11CL
10.30-11.00	7CH	8CL	10CL	13SS
11.00-11.20	BREAK FOR TESTING STAFF			
11.20-11.50	7CL	8WH	10SS	13CH
11.50-12.20	7WH	9CH	10ST	13WH
12.20-12.50	12CL	9CL1	10SW	
12.50- 1.20	12ST	9WH	10WH	
1.20-2.10	LUNCH FOR TESTING STAFF			
2.10-2.40	12SW	9SS	11WH	
2.40-3.10	8SW1	9ST	11SS	

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The Government believes this is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. They will continue to review the future need for testing in light of any changes.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and pupils to remain in school safely. Up to one-third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms. By testing, we will help to reduce the spread of the virus and keep our school open as safely as possible. The test is voluntary, but I would encourage everyone to take it. Should the advice from the Government or Public Health change, we will let you know as soon as possible.

We thank you for your continued support and vigilance to help us cut down the spread of Covid-19 in our community.

Yours faithfully

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