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Dear Parent / Carer

Lateral Flow Testing

I thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme. As you are possibly aware, the Government are advising that schools should be prepared to offer one lateral flow test to all students before they return to school in January, to help stop the spread of Covid-19 and in particular new variants.

This test will be carried out by trained testing staff, to ensure the accuracy of the data provided. Students will then be encouraged to take two further tests at home, spaced 3-5 days apart and then continue to test twice weekly as normal.

We plan to test students during our INSET days on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th January 2022 to ensure there is no lost learning time.

Please complete this Google Form <https://forms.gle/gc3K33YzsCkZmSYw9> by Friday 17th December, to let us know whether your child intends to attend the testing and also to give consent for the test. Unfortunately, we will be unable to carry out any testing without parental consent.

Time	Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
	Main Hall	Main Hall
8.30-9.00	11WH + 11SS	9SW + 9CL2
9.00-9.30	11CH + 11ST	9WH + 9CH
9.30-10.00	11SW + 11CL	8SW2 + 8SS
10.00-10.30	13SS + 13CH	8ST + 8CH
10.30-11.00	13WH + 12CL	8CL + 8WH
11.00-11.20		
11.20-11.50	12ST + 12SW	8SW1 + 7ST1
11.50-12.20	10CH1 + 10CH2	7ST2 + 7SS
12.20-12.50	10CL + 10SS	7SW + 7CH
12.50- 1.20	10ST + 10SW	7CL + 7WH
1.20-2.10		
2.10-2.40	10WH + 9CL1	
2.40-3.10	9SS + 9ST	

Students will need to enter the site via the Main Gate and will need to arrive promptly at their allocated time. Once students have been tested they will need to leave the school site immediately.

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

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 stop the virus spread and help to 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 England change, we will let you know as soon as possible.

May I also take this opportunity to encourage you to continue Lateral Flow testing twice weekly at home. Lateral Flow Tests kits can be collected from our Reprographics Office, from pharmacies or ordered online. All test results should be logged with NHS Test and Trace as well as to school by completing this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/aM2BjSNbK31Q1piG9>

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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