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Dear Parents and Carers

Arrangements for Students' return to School in January: Year 12

Further to my letter earlier this week which mentioned on-site lateral flow device testing for students before they are able to return to lessons after Christmas we are now able to communicate the process and timetable for testing.

As I am sure you will appreciate the logistics for setting up the testing are complex which means we will need to operate a staggered return for our students in January. For our school, there is an added level of complexity due the extremely large size of our Sixth Form. Please see below timings for Year 12 who will test on Thursday 6th January 2022 at the time allocated below and then return home. Year 12 will commence lessons on Friday 7th January 2022 which is week 1. Any students who do not have consent to test on site will return with the rest of Year 12 on Friday 7th January 2022.

YEAR 12	Date	Time
12.0	06/01/2021	10:30
12.1	06/01/2021	10:45
12.2	06/01/2021	11:00
12.3	06/01/2021	11:15
12.4	06/01/2021	11:30
12.5	06/01/2021	11:45
12.6	06/01/2021	12:00
12.7	06/01/2021	12:45
12.8	06/01/2021	13:00
12.9	06/01/2021	13:15

Consent

In order for the school to commence testing of our students we will need to ensure we have a consent form completed. The consent form is for participation in tests designed to detect asymptomatic coronavirus cases.

If you have previously completed the consent form then please DO NOT complete again as this causes duplicates in the system.

If you wish to withdraw your consent, please do so by [clicking here](#)



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Students who have tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 90 days are advised not to take a Lateral Flow Test as part of asymptomatic testing and will return to school with the rest of the year group. Please note that this school-based asymptomatic testing is different from the introduction of 7 day recommended LFD testing, (effective from 14th December) if your son/daughter is identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case. If this is the case, then you should discuss the appropriateness of 7 day LFD testing with NHS Track & Trace who will be able to provide you with the most up to date advice.

If your child has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 90 days then please record the date by [clicking here](#)

Consent relates to the following groups of students:

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 participate in testing. Students over 18 must complete this form themselves.

For any pupil or student who does not have the capacity to provide informed consent - this form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian. Please complete one consent form for each child you wish to participate in testing.

As I am sure you can appreciate the logistics for completing the tests in school are demanding. So that we can get all year groups back to the classroom as quickly as possible we would be very grateful if you could complete the actions requested above by no later than Monday 3rd January 2022. Please follow the link below to the consent **form if you have not already completed this previously.**

[Consent for Testing - Year 12](#)

What if my child tests positive?

If a pupil tests positive on a lateral flow device, they will be informed immediately by School and will need to take a further 'PCR test' to confirm the result. This should be on the same day or as soon as possible afterwards (within 2 days). During the time while waiting for the PCR result (via text/email) they will need to self-isolate. If the PCR test returns a positive result you should inform us immediately and your child will have to continue to self-isolate and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

What happens if the test is negative?

While a small number of pupils may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason, pupils who test negative will return to school the day after testing on-site. Pupils will be informed of negative test results via text/email. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will be informed.



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What if my child develops symptoms?

This testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a PCR test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

We will support our pupils throughout, but please contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Ms S Hay
Headteacher