

Tuesday 7th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

### LFD Testing

Approximately one third of all cases of covid-19 occur without symptoms and young people are more likely to experience no symptoms than those who are older.

LFD tests are quick and self-administered by students within school and the process is overseen by a team of trained staff who can offer advice and support.

We have sent out a link to a [consent form](#), and can offer paper consent forms if you prefer, available from SID, asking you to give consent for your son or daughter to have LFD tests in school. We require you to give consent at this time even if you have given consent for your son/daughter to be tested previously.

**We would be grateful if you could also record on this survey if you do not consent to your son/daughter taking part in the testing programme.**

We would also urge that as many parents as possible consent to the test as this increases the safety of the whole school community.

Students who are age 16 or over are required to give their own consent and will therefore be asked in school if they wish to give this. Please can you discuss this with your son/daughter if they are in this category to help them make their decision.

After students have had a test in school, they will be issued with further test kits to take at home. By taking tests at home there is a legal requirement to record results with NHS Test and Trace. Full instructions are provided on how to take the test and see the results.

### Return to School Dates and Testing

In order to complete testing as students return to school after the Christmas holidays we will stagger the start date for return to school for each year group to allow time to test students.

Please note that Tuesday 4th January is a training day, therefore students will only be on site for their tests if invited in on this date.

| <b>Year Group</b> | <b>Date of First Test</b>    | <b>Time of Test</b> | <b>Return To School Date</b> |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Year 7            | <b>Wednesday 5th January</b> | 8.30am - 11.30am    | <b>Thursday 6th January</b>  |
| Year 8            | <b>Wednesday 5th January</b> | 11.30am - 2.30pm    | <b>Thursday 6th January</b>  |
| Year 9            | <b>Thursday 6th January</b>  | 8.30am - 11.30am    | <b>Thursday 6th January</b>  |
| Year 10           | <b>Tuesday 4th January</b>   | 11.30am - 2.30pm    | <b>Wednesday 5th January</b> |
| Year 11           | <b>Tuesday 4th January</b>   | 8.30am - 11.30am    | <b>Wednesday 5th January</b> |
| Year 12 & 13      | <b>Tuesday 4th January</b>   | 11.30am - 2.30pm    | <b>Wednesday 5th January</b> |

Testing will be in the large Performing Arts portacabin. Access can be gained via the vehicle access gates and you will be directed to the testing room without coming into the main building. Each test takes approximately five minutes.

**The more students who come into school for their LFD test during this week, the safer our return will be. We therefore really look forward to seeing as many students as possible for their test on the dates above.**

There will be online lessons through Google Classroom on Wednesday 5th January for students in years 7,8 and 9.

Thank you very much for your support with this.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs J Gaunt  
Principal