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Dear Parent /Carer

Return to School January 2022 and COVID-19 testing

You may be aware that The Department for Education have announced that schools should test students for Covid-19 when they return in January 2022.

To enable the onsite testing programme to take place, please take note of the information below regarding the order in which students are to return to school:

Wednesday 5th January – Year 11 and Year 7

Thursday 6th January – Year 10 and Year 8

Friday 7th January – Year 9

If you wish your son or daughter to be included in the on-site testing programme when they return, please complete the consent form in the link below. **Please complete the form as soon as possible and no later than 5.00 pm on Tuesday 4th January.** The on-site testing programme includes just one test upon their return, after which, students should continue to test twice weekly at home.

Students who test negative can continue to attend school.

The government's asymptomatic testing programme does not replace the testing policy for those with symptoms. Anyone experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 should self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test via <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus/> or by calling the NHS on 119.

Students who take the test, which is voluntary, will be supervised by trained staff. LFT's are quick and easy using a swab of the nose. For under 18s, trained staff will oversee the swab process

Results take around 15 - 20 minutes.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and students to return to 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

If you are happy for your child to be tested, please read the privacy notice and consent information available on the school website and complete the form, which can be found in the link below:

[Consent Form](#)

What if a student tests positive?

Students who test positive will be informed about their results individually. For students who are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be informed. Students who receive a positive test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance. They will also need to get a free

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PCR test to check if they have COVID-19:

www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the students should continue to self-isolate. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, the pupil can return to school, as long as the student has no symptoms of COVID-19.

This testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops 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) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 or by visiting, www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debbie Sutch', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Debbie Sutch
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