

26 February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Mass Testing Letter**

We were delighted this week when we received the green light from the Prime Minister to begin welcoming students back to on-site learning this term. The first phase of this is to conduct the asymptomatic testing of secondary age students using a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test. Asymptomatic testing is an important tool for helping to break the chains of transmission of the virus and the expectation is that all students undertake a series of three on-site tests before moving to regular home testing. *More details on home testing will follow in due course.*

There has been a significant response so far with virtually all households providing consent for testing to take place. Thank you for this tremendous response as we work together to keep our community safe. For the few families yet to respond, please use the link below to provide consent. Heads of Year will be contacting individual families where consent is yet to be provided from Monday as we strongly anticipate all students returning to on-site lessons from Monday 8 March to have returned a negative LFD test before being able to do so.

Link to provide consent for testing-

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gpGINmBo\\_0aOcv4qHhM4ZmeL1Sr67ShIkNpiS6uu9PRUMTICUEZQQIIOREFMVjk2UDA0UUFUT0VKSC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gpGINmBo_0aOcv4qHhM4ZmeL1Sr67ShIkNpiS6uu9PRUMTICUEZQQIIOREFMVjk2UDA0UUFUT0VKSC4u)

**Protocols for return to school Asymptomatic testing**

Our on-site testing will commence on **Monday 1 March**.

Our aim is to fully test a year group per day.\*

Monday 1 March - Year 10

Tuesday 2 March - Year 11

Wednesday 3 March - Year 9

Thursday 4 March - Year 8

Friday 5 March - Year 7

\*Please note that on the day of a year groups testing, on-line lessons will not take place, but students will be able to access a range of Wellbeing activities for their respective year group on Microsoft Teams.

In preparation for your child's test, you will receive an appointment letter. This will contain specific details of the time your child will be conducting their test. All students **must** enter via the Thorne Road entrance and will be expected to wear full school uniform, adhere to social distancing and wear a face covering. They will proceed around the PE block and enter the main school building. Please ensure that your child plans their journey to ensure they arrive at the hall in time for their allocated appointment slot. Where students are being brought to school by parents, we ask that extra care is taken around the school site to keep everybody safe and that parents should remain in their car. Students will exit school via the main school reception.

The link below contains a video that will take you and your child through what they can expect on the day from arriving, conducting the test and departing.

Onsite testing procedure - <https://youtu.be/v15Ly9xuUKA>

### **Registering your child's test**

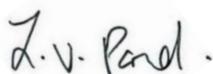
Your child's appointment letter will also contain a **testing barcode**. This is very important as you will need to register your child's test on the day. This barcode will match with our records and the testing device allocated to your child at school. **A test must be registered within 24 hours of the test taking place** and therefore it is advised this is completed on the morning of the test. The process takes approximately 10 minutes. **Your child must bring to their appointment confirmation of this registration being completed.** This may be a screenshot on their mobile device, a photograph or a printout. If a child arrives without this confirmation, they will have to register on-site which will delay the process. Outcomes of the test are communicated directly from the NHS. We will notify parents immediately in the event of a positive LFD test. In this instance a child should self-isolate immediately and book a further PCR test via the NHS.

### **Returning to on-site provision**

Upon returning a negative LFD test, our expectation is that all students will return to on-site learning from Monday 8 March. *Further details will follow next week.* However, a student must still undertake two further LFD tests on-site. Students will be issued with an appointment card containing barcodes for their next test and the process described above for registering at home must be repeated for each test to be completed. Appointments will be at the same time and students will be excused from lessons to take their test. After three successful on-site tests, students will proceed to home testing.

Once again, thank you for your overwhelming support.

Yours sincerely



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