

13 December 2021

Dear Parents,

## January COVID-19 Testing for Students

As you may be aware, the Department for Education has announced that all students will need to complete **one COVID-19 test on the school site** as part of their return to school process in January. Therefore, we will be testing on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Years 10 and 11 will then begin school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022, with all other year groups back in school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022. This will help ensure the safety of our school community and lead to a positive start to term.

### Consent and Registration

The consent forms that were completed by parents previously are still applicable for this round of on-site testing however, if you would like to discuss this further or withdraw consent then please inform the school.

The registration process remains the same as last time; all students must register online before their test using their registration card (enclosed) and the test site ID which is **TCIQ**. You can register up to 24 hours before the test but no sooner. Students must then bring their registration cards with them on the day they test.

Please follow this link to register your child online: <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/register-kit>

### Testing Schedule

| Date and Time                | Tuesday<br>4 <sup>th</sup> January                                   | Wednesday<br>5 <sup>th</sup> January                               |
|------------------------------|--|--|
|                              |  | <i>Virtual Learning for all</i>                                    |
| <b>08:30</b><br>surnames A-G | <b>Year 7</b><br><b>Britannia</b> and <b>Temeraire</b> House<br>only | <b>Year 7</b><br><b>Sovereign</b> and <b>Victory</b><br>House only |
| <b>09:00</b><br>surnames H-O |  |  |
| <b>09:30</b><br>surnames P-Z |  |  |
| <b>10:30</b><br>surnames A-G | <b>Year 10</b>   | <b>Year 8</b>  |
| <b>11:00</b><br>surnames H-O |  |  |
| <b>11:30</b><br>surnames P-Z |  |  |
| <b>13:00</b><br>surnames A-G | <b>Year 11</b><br>/ Catch Up Session                                 | <b>Year 9</b><br>/ Catch Up Session                                |
| <b>13:30</b><br>surnames H-O |  |  |
| <b>14:00</b><br>surnames P-Z |  |  |

*'Catch up' sessions are available for any students who are unable to attend during their scheduled time slot.*

#### Testing Overview

1. Register for your test online using the Registration Card (up to 24 hours before your test)
2. Ensure you have the Registration Card with you on day of test
3. Enter school site at your scheduled time through the Main Entrance (car park)
4. Listen to staff guidance showing you how to complete the swabbing process
5. Exit the site immediately after you have tested

Please note that school uniform does not need to be worn during the testing process.

#### Virtual Learning

Class work will be uploaded onto Google Classroom for students to work through from home, following their normal timetable. However, students will not need to complete work during their scheduled testing slot. As Year 7 testing is split across two days, they will be given 60 minutes of Lexia work to complete during the morning they do not test.

#### Government Guidance

It is important to note that the in-school Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) are designed for individuals who are **asymptomatic** (not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms) – if your child displays any symptoms at all, they are not to come to school and must book a test at a PCR test centre instead.

All test results will be sent to the email address and mobile phone number that you entered during the registration process. If your child receives a positive test result, they will need to begin their isolation period immediately and follow the government guidelines that will be sent through with the test result. If you do not receive your child's result within 24 hours of them taking the test, please contact the school for further information.

We hope that you enjoy your Christmas break and look forward to seeing students again in January. If you have any questions or would like further information, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



Annika Ghose  
Assistant Headteacher