

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Arrangements for on site asymptomatic testing in September 2021

I am writing further to the communication from Mrs Wilson dated 12th July to outline our arrangements for on-site LFD (Lateral Flow Device) tests before our students return to school on Monday 6th September.

In line with government guidance we will be inviting all pupils to complete two on-site LFD tests in line with the attached schedule which details the pattern of testing for each year group and the testing timetable for test 1 and test 2.

We have been very grateful for the continued support shown by all our parents, carers and students in participating in our testing programme and we are once again asking you to support us in this endeavour for the mutual benefit of all members of our school community. To enable us to test all pupils in line with government guidance staff are giving up time to ensure we can run a rapid testing programme so that we can begin the new academic year together with as little disruption and delay as possible.

What do I need to do?

- If you have already given consent for your child to participate in our on-site testing programme, you will not be asked to give consent again. Please just ensure your child attends testing at the dates and times indicated in the attached schedule.
- If you have not given consent at this point, we will contact you over the next week and then send you the documentation which will need completing in order for your child to participate.

Participation in the on-site testing programme is not mandatory as Mrs Wilson has already indicated, but as a school we have been particularly fortunate that the majority of our school community have willingly participated and we are acting in anticipation of your support once again.

On arrival for testing:

Please ensure that your child has the log on details for their NHS account to register (email/password).

1. Pupils will need to register with us in the Sixth Form study area. Please arrive on site at the stated time, it is important we run to the published timings.
2. Parents/carers may not enter the building with their child and should wait off site Tuesday-Friday (there is no on-site parking available when all staff are on site) or may wait in the main site car park on Saturday and Sunday.
3. Pupils will be asked to socially distance themselves from one another while coming on site to complete their tests. This will be indicated by floor level markers. They will be asked to follow hand hygiene guidance; face coverings, at the time or writing will not be required, should government guidance in this regard change we will communicate this with before on-site testing begins.
4. Pupils, once registered, will be directed by staff to our Testing Centre to complete their LFD tests.

5. Once the test has been completed pupils must leave site via the route indicated. They should not wait on site for the results.

How do I get my result?

If your result is positive we will contact you via telephone as soon as we have the result. Your child will need to then self-isolate in line with government guidance, complete a PCR test which we can provide or you order via the NHS. You should then follow government guidance.

This will be followed up with an email/text message via NHS Test and Trace once we have uploaded the result.

If your result is negative, you will receive an email and/or text message from NHS Test and Trace once we have uploaded the result. In our experience these usually return within 2-3 hours of us uploading a result but can take as long as 24-36 hours.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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Deputy Headteacher