

Dear Parents and Carers

Updated information about Lateral Flow Testing – COVID 19 – Tues 4th January 2022. This affects all year groups – please read carefully.

Recent Government guidance has stated that, on return to school in January, all students should complete one lateral flow test on site, with the negative results from this allowing us to confidently let students mix in school without risk of transmission. All students should follow up the first test with another test at home (within 3-4 days). We will be using our planned Inset day Tuesday 4th January 2022 to complete the student Lateral Flow Tests in the Academy.

Please complete the ONLINE CONSENT FORM by following the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/meRX7r29fp>

Please note: any testing consent given previously is now invalid, therefore parents and carers are asked to complete the above consent form. Without your consent, we cannot allow your child/ren to test at school.

Please see the schedule for Lateral Flow Testing, in line with government guidance:

DATE	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
Tuesday 4th January (INSET Day)	Year 7 8.45 - 9.45am	Year 8 10 - 11am	Year 9 11.45- 12.45pm	Year 10 1 - 2pm	Year 11 2.15 - 3.15pm

Students who are engaging with the testing, **will** be expected to wear full academy school uniform and *enter the building via the canteen entrance*, face coverings are compulsory on entry into the Academy building and in the communal testing centre area. Please ensure that your child attends in their designated slot.

Students will be supported by staff to administer the lateral flow test and then, upon completion of the test, will return home. Once results have been processed parents/carers will be notified via email.

Thank you for your co-operation and that of your child, as we endeavour to continue to support the government's drive to mitigate the impact of the virus.

Kindest regards



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