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4 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We advised previously that we would contact you further about our plans to roll out the Lateral Flow Device testing requested by the Government.

We have had further guidance and training and are therefore able to confirm our plans. Staff have been working hard alongside healthcare professionals and the Department for Education to train for the various roles involved in this process.

Students will be tested in three stages, as follows:

1. Students attending school from the 5 January as part of the Key Worker/Vulnerable student schools will be tested (if consent is provided) on Wednesday 6 January and Monday 11 January.
2. All other Year 11 students are invited to be tested on Friday 8 January and Monday 11 January.
3. All other Year 7-10 students are invited to be tested on Tuesday 12 January and Friday 15 January.

For options 2 and 3, we are providing two time slots as we recognise that transport may pose an issue to some. We would ask you to indicate on the consent form which of those time slots your child will be attending to help us plan the right number of staff. The slots available will be 10-12.30pm and 3.30-5.30pm. Students attending these sessions will need to register, perform the test themselves which is a process that could take anywhere between 20minutes to an hour, depending on numbers arriving for that session. Students will need to leave site once their test has been completed and we will only contact you later in the day if your child returns a positive test.

Many parents may be asking why their child would need to be part of this testing programme. We are supporting the Government's plans and asking for as many people to be involved as possible in order to give staff and students peace of mind and to ensure that where a positive case does occur disruption to others (close contacts) is kept to an absolute minimum.

On our website you will find further details provided by the Department for Education about the testing programme, Privacy Notice information outlining how your data will be used and a new consent form that all parents must complete on behalf of their children in order for a test to take place. It is important that the consent form (attached and available via this link <https://forms.gle/fBoX22dWhrbTGu987>) is completed before the students arrive to be tested, so please contact the school if you are unable to print a copy to return with the student or access the online form.

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Because we are checking our processes, we will need to send further guidance by the end of this week as to where the testing will take place for Year 7-10 students. Year 11 students should all make their way to the front entrance of school where signage will direct them to the registration point.

Students may still attend school if you decide not to provide consent, however in the event of them being identified as a close contact of a confirmed positive case students would need to follow national guidelines on self-isolation.

To recap, please provide your consent to the testing programme by completing the consent form, online or in paper form, check the details of when your child should attend school for testing (see above), go to the school website if you have any further questions. Finally, please speak with your child's tutor if you have any queries regarding this process.

As ever, we are ambitious for our students and ensuring that they are in front of class teachers for as many days as possible is always our aim. Can we thank you in advance for committing to this programme and allowing us all the peace of mind that we are keeping the school site as free from the virus as possible.

Kind regards,

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