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Dear Parents/Carers

Lateral flow testing on site

I hope that you and your families are well and have enjoyed a restful and safe summer holiday. I am writing to share some important information with you about the start of the new term.

Government guidance states that testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools and that all secondary school age pupils should have two lateral flow tests on their return to school in September.

Testing is voluntary however it is strongly encouraged. In order for your child to be tested on site at school, consent is required from you. We already have consent for pupils who will be in Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 based on last year's testing programme. However, if you have previously not given consent but now would like to do so for your child to be tested before returning to school or your child is going into Year 7, please complete the online consent form via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/MBB7XUGFsk>

From Wednesday 1st September to Friday 3rd September, pupils who have given consent should come into school on their allocated day and time for the first of two tests as identified on the next page. After the test, Years 8-11 will leave the school site. Year 8 -11 pupils must enter via the main reception where they will be directed to the sports hall for their test. After their test, pupils will be dismissed. **If your child tests positive, we will contact you immediately by phone.** Positive test results require immediate self-isolation and a confirmatory PCR test as outlined in government guidance. If you do not receive communication from us within an hour of the test, then your child's test is negative.

After the test, all pupils will be given a registration card to take home so that they can register their test result using a QR code on the card itself or via the following link: www.gov.uk/enter-lateral-flow-test. The school will complete the school's registration for all the tests they complete but it is important that individuals complete their registration also.

We will give your child testing kits to bring home allowing for twice weekly tests for September.

We are keen to make the testing as worry free as possible for our pupils, especially the Year 7 pupils who will be new to LFD mass testing. Guidance on how to carry out a swab test is available on our school website and we urge parents to discuss the process with their child.

The NHS have produced a video on how to self-swab here:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVq7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>

Year 7 pupils will have their first test during their induction day on Friday 3rd September.

All pupils start the new academic year on **Monday 6th September** (Week A) and their second test will be taken during the identified day.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school via CLHS@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk

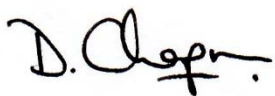
We are really looking forward to seeing your child for the school's full opening on Monday 6th September 2021 at 8.40am.



Mass testing schedule:

Year group	Date and time of LFD test one	Date of LFD test two
Year 9	Wednesday 1 st September 11.30 9C 12.00 9L1 12.30 9L2 13.00 9H1 13.30 9H2 14.00 9S	Monday 6 th September
Year 8 & 10	Thursday 2 nd September 09.00 8C 09.30 8L1 10.00 8L2 10.30 8H 11.00 8S 11.30 10C 12.00 10L 12.30 10H 13.00 10S	Tuesday 7 th September
Year 7 & 11	Friday 3 rd September 10.00 7C 10.45 7L 11.30 7H 12.15 7S1 13.00 7S 13.30 11C 14.00 11L 14.30 11H 15.00 11S	Wednesday 8 th September

Yours sincerely



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