

3 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### **COVID TESTING IN SCHOOL ON RETURN IN JANUARY**

We have been notified by the Government that when pupils return to school after the Christmas break they are all required to take an LFD test (Lateral Flow Device) in school before returning to class\*.

In order to facilitate this testing and minimise the potential of pupils being sent home as close contacts, we have made the decision to complete the testing on Wednesday, 5 January, with pupils who test negative returning to school on Thursday, 6 January.

On Wednesday, 5 January the school will not be open for lessons; it will simply be open for pupils to come into school, get tested and go straight home. Testing will be available from 8.15am and stop at 2.30pm. No appointment is necessary as pupils can simply turn up at any point.

School buses will run as normal and bring pupils into school. The buses will then wait at school and once all pupils on the bus have been tested they will depart and return pupils to their normal bus stop.

Any pupil who cannot attend on Wednesday, 5 January will have to complete the test on their first day back in school.

Pupils will be supervised by Priory staff but will be expected to complete the swab section of the test themselves (support will be available to those who cannot self-swab).

Positive test results will be known within 30 minutes of taking the test. If your son/daughter tests positive you will be notified immediately and be asked to take them for a PCR test. Pupils then have to remain off school until the result of the PCR test is known. We will not inform pupils if they test negative.

**We can only allow those pupils whose parents have previously given consent to be tested. If you haven't previously given permission but would now like your child to be tested, please email me directly at [n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk) with your child's name, year group and date of birth.**

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Unfortunately, we will not be able to deliver live lessons on this day as different pupils will be coming into school throughout the day and a number of teaching staff will be used to help with testing. There will however be work placed on MS Teams for pupils to complete.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the testing please contact me by email at [n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully



**Mr N Gee**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

\*Pupils who have had a positive COVID PCR result in the last 90 days do not need to test and those pupils whose parents have refused permission also do not need to test.