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NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for pupils

Dear Parent/Carer,

As stated in the letter sent on 8 December we will be testing Year 7 and 8 pupils who want to participate on their return in January. Due to the numbers who have given consent to be tested we are going to test these pupils on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

Please see the timetable below for the time that your child should arrive in school. Pupils will stay in school following their test unless they have a positive result.

The remainder of Year 7 and 8 (who are not being tested) will now return to school on **Thursday 6th January 2022**.

All Year 6 pupils will return to school as usual on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy using a swab of your nose and throat. For under 18s, staff can oversee the swab process.

Results will be sent to parents/carers later in the day when we have submitted them to the NHS. If, however, anyone tests positive we will contact you straight away.

What if a pupil tests positive?

Participating staff and pupils who test positive will be informed about their results individually. Where participants are under 16, parents/carers will also be notified. Guidance on safe travel and additional precautions will be provided along with test results.

Pupils will need to take a further 'PCR test' (similar to those done in local and regional testing sites) on the same day (or as soon as possible). To arrange a test you can go to www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119 to book a follow-up test. If ordering a PCR test yourselves, you should choose to visit a walk in centre test site if possible, as it is faster than requesting a home test.

During this time while they wait for the PCR result (via text / email) they will need to self-isolate. If the PCR test returns a positive result you will be required to follow the current guidance from NHS Test and Trace.



Testing timetable – Wednesday 5th January 2022:

Year 7

Class	Timeslot
7GD/7MB/7TM	9:00 to 10:00am
7MO/7TF	10:00 to 11:00am
7AC/7MR	11:00am to 12:00pm

Year 8

Class	Timeslot
8SH/8SJ	12:30 to 1:30pm
8GR/8TH	1:30 to 2:30pm
8GB	2:00pm
8CT/8EC	2:30 to 3:30pm

Please note that Year 8 should have their lunch at home before coming to be tested.

Please drop your child in the bus bay and they can then come up the drive and enter school through the Year 8 door.

If your child can only come to school by the school bus, at the normal school time, then please contact school on office@scissett.com to let us know.

Kind regards

Ann Large

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Headteacher

