



Wednesday 10th March 2021

Dear Parents,

Parent Update - Rapid Asymptomatic Testing Programme

Following our recent letter and online updates, we are delighted to let you know that the testing process that took place on Monday 8th March was smooth and efficient and as ever, our students were a real credit to us and to you as their parents.

We were able to test 98% of students on Monday which meant that the full reopening of school on Tuesday was calm and focused. Thank you for all your support to help us make this happen.

The school will be supporting students to self-administer **three** Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests over the two weeks commencing 8th March. This is for them to be trained on how to carry out these tests so that they can successfully self-administer at home after this period. With the first LFD test now completed, we have been preparing the schedule for the second and third tests that are due to take place over the following school days this week and next:

Test 2

Thursday 11 th March		Friday 12 th March	
Registration & Lesson 1	Year 8	Registration, Lesson 1 & Lesson 2	Year 10
Lesson 2 & 3	Year 7	Lesson 3 & 4	Year 11
Lesson 4 & 5	Year 9		

Test 3

Monday 15 th March		Tuesday 16 th March	
Registration & Lesson 1	Year 11	Registration & Lesson 1	Year 10
Lesson 2 & 3	Year 7	Lesson 2 & 3	Year 9
Lesson 3 & 4	Year 8		

The process will involve individual classes leaving their lesson for around twenty minutes to visit the test centre and complete their LFD test. Students will be supervised at all times and will return to their lesson following completion of the test. Students and their parents will be informed if there is a positive test result. If there is a 'void' test because of an issue with the sample or test equipment, students will be asked to retest.

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Early next week, you will receive more information about the next stage of the process. This involves rolling out the taking of rapid tests by students at home. Please be reassured that the information we will be providing you will make the process of testing and reporting results as simple and straight forward as possible.

In the meantime, thank you for your on-going support and for all your efforts to support your child to return to school. We are delighted to see the students back where they belong, and we have been impressed by the calm and purposeful manner in which they have picked up from where we left off at the end of the Autumn Term.

Yours sincerely,

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