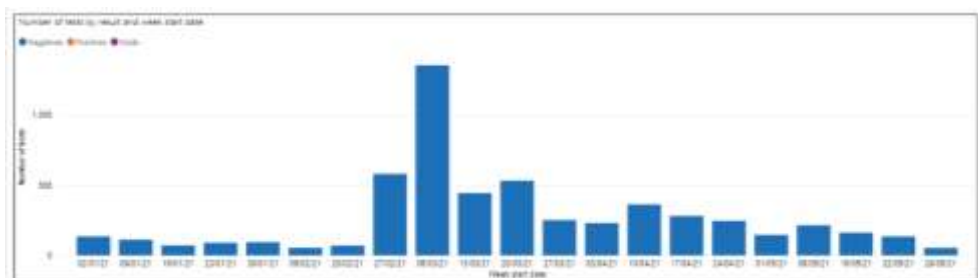


15 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to share some information with you that the Department for Education sent this week. This shows the number of student lateral flow tests that have taken place on a weekly basis at Ridgeway Academy.



To date we have completed over 5,500 student tests. Clearly the peak is when we tested all students on their return to school in March, but we have been on a gentle decline since then with around 135 tests per week just before half term and around 118 tests this week from a school population of 900.

With the Delta Covid variant and the full reopening on 21 June now delayed, it is critical that we continue to test and keep infection out of school. We don't have the capacity to send reminders or chase missing results for so many students, therefore can I ask for your support in continuing to ask students to test twice a week on Sunday evening/Monday morning and Thursday and then ensuring that test results are recorded via the NHS website:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Lateral flow test kits have been sent home with students and additional kits can be ordered via the Government website if necessary:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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