

17 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

COVID testing in January 2022

Following the letter sent last week regarding lateral flow testing on our return to school in January, please find below details of the testing schedule.

Testing will take place in the Sports Hall for the majority of the school on Wednesday 5 January 2022 as per the timetable below. Please note Wednesday 5 January 2022 is an INSET day and therefore students should attend as per the allotted time slot below. As soon as they have been tested they are required to leave the site straight away.

<u>Wednesday 5 January</u>	
Year / Form Group	Testing time
7C/7D/7E	09:00-09:30
7K/7O/7W	09:30-10:00
8C/8D/8E	10:15-10:45
8K/8O/8W	10:45-11:15
9C/9D/9E	11:15-11:45
9K/9O/9W	11:45-12:15
10C/10D/10E	13:30-14:00
10K/10O	14:00-14:30
12	14:30
13	15:00

Year 11 will have staggered return to school on Thursday 6 January and should arrive as per the time slots given below and go straight to the Sports Hall. Students should not arrive before this time as they will be registered at the point of arrival for the lateral flow test as per the below. If you do not consent to your child having a lateral flow test, please send them into school following the times stated below and they will join their form in the Sports Hall for registration before going to period 2.

<u>Thursday 6 January</u>	
Year/Form Group	Testing time
11C/11D	09:00-09:30
11K/11O	09:30-10:00
11E	10:00

Please familiarise yourself with the following:

- Students should attend at their allocated time
- We would ask that where students can't walk to the site, or use public transport that families do not park on site
- The expectation is that students in Year 8 upwards will be able to self-administer the tests given the expectation to have been completing home testing since March
- Lateral flow tests are designed to be taken by asymptomatic students only; any student who has COVID related symptoms on the day should not come to school
- Similarly, students should not take the LFD test if they have received a positive Covid-19 PCR in the last 90 days
- Testing is voluntary, but those who are eligible for tests are strongly encouraged to participate to reduce the risk of transmission within education settings

As noted, the government may yet provide additional guidance as the Christmas holidays progress and we will confirm any changes should they arise with families during the Christmas break accordingly.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely



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