



20th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Autumn Testing Arrangements

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme. Please continue to encourage your child to test twice weekly and report the results until the end of the summer term.

The asymptomatic testing programme is being paused for students in secondary schools and colleges that will be closed over the summer holidays. Your child should continue to test twice a week if they are attending face to face education in school over the summer (applicable only to students attending Summer School).

You must report your child's test results, even if their result is negative or void. You should also keep a note of and share your child's results with school [here](#).

Reporting results is easy. Go to [report a COVID-19 lateral flow test result](#) or call 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language.

Testing twice weekly is helping us stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and plan our response. The preparations that schools and colleges are advised to take are subject to further public health advice and the latest position on prevalence of the COVID-19 virus.

If you or your child are not attending a setting over the summer but wish to access rapid lateral flow testing, you can continue to do so by ordering LFD test kits from GOV.UK or by collecting kits from your local pharmacy.

If your child is transitioning to new educational settings, they should start testing on arrival at their new setting in the autumn.

We are unsure about the Covid situation we will face in the autumn, so we want to be prepared for all scenarios. Subject to Public Health advice, testing may restart on return in the autumn. If it does, we expect to offer your child two tests on-site before continuing regular testing at home. At this stage it is our intention to offer tests as follows, timings will be confirmed over the summer break:

Thursday September 2nd – INSET Day Years 7, 11, 12, 13

Parents/carers to drop off and wait to collect students to return home following their visit to the test centre.

Friday September 3rd – INSET Day Years 8, 9, 10

Parents/carers to drop off and wait to collect students to return home following their visit to

the test centre.

Monday 6th September – Years 7, 11, 12, 13

Year 7 begin Term 1. Students to remain at school following their visit to the test centre (parents/carers advised to collect in the case of any positive results).

Years 11, 12, 13 students – parents/carers to drop off and wait to collect students to return home following their visit to the test centre.

Tuesday 7th September – Years 8, 9, 10

Term 1 begins for all students.

Years 8, 9, 10 students attend the test centre (parents/carers advised to collect in the case of any positive results).

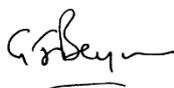
This is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. We recognise, however, the need to minimise any disruption to education and to continue to support your child's mental wellbeing. The government will continue to review the future need for testing in light of any changes to the public health situation.

In order to be ready to start this, we will require the consent of parents/carers for any students in Year 7 to Year 11. Those in the Sixth Form are technically able to give their own consent; however in all cases we will confirm with the wishes of the parents/carers so can we ask Sixth Form parents/carers to complete this as well.

A leaflet outlining the testing process is available [here](#).

Should you wish to do so, please give your consent to testing **by Tuesday 3rd August** using the electronic consent form [here](#).

Yours sincerely



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