

To: all Parents/Carers

1 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will know from the recent news, there are concerns about a new variant of Coronavirus and, as a result, schools have been directed to provide lateral flow testing at the start of the new term. This testing programme is offered to all returning students in January. I am sure you can appreciate the huge task the school faces to coordinate a testing programme of this scale in such a short time period and we are keen not to have to close the school for testing if possible. It is important that students complete a lateral flow test, should you consent to testing, on Tuesday 4 January 2022 ready for a return to school on Wednesday 5 January 2022.

We are providing two ways in which testing can occur:

Either

1. Students can attend school at an allocated time on Tuesday 4 January to be tested. Should you opt to have your child tested at school, so that we can organise the testing schedule, please complete the document by 12 noon on Friday 10 December, following the link below:

[Consent form for testing at school Jan 2022](#)

We will send further details during week commencing 13 December.

Or

2. Students can complete a lateral flow test at home on Tuesday 4 January and register it on the school's Forms document as well as the NHS website. Should you opt to complete the test at home, please record the result with the school via this link:

[School link to report lateral flow test results](#)

and to the NHS via this link:

[NHS link to report lateral flow test results](#)

If you are participating with the testing, it is still a requirement that students continue to test twice a week. Additional test kits can be ordered through the link above ie 'school link to report lateral flow tests'.

If you have any queries or require any clarification on any aspect of the testing programme, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

May we take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in working with us to ensure that your child has a positive return to school, and we wish you a happy and enjoyable Christmas.

Yours faithfully



Ms R Ricketts
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