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Dear Parents and Carers

Following government guidance, we will be offering Covid 19 Lateral Flow tests to all our students upon return to school. Our testing site has been operating successfully for some weeks, testing staff and students in school during lockdown, and is now being expanded.

Each student is being offered three tests on site, three to five days apart. Our testing starts with Year 12 and Year 13 this Friday 5 March, with these year groups being the first to return to on site education on Monday. Years 11 and 10 test on Monday 8, returning to school on Tuesday 9. Years 7,8 and 9 follow the day after with all year groups back by Wednesday 10 March.

We are offering testing to only those students for whom we have permission. If you haven't yet given permission for your child to be tested you can do so [here](#).

The grid below shows the days each Year Group will be tested in school. All Year Groups other than Years 12 and 13 will remain at home on their testing days, coming into school for testing only, then returning to school the next day.

Fri 5	Mon 8	Tues 9	Wed 10	Thurs 11	Fri 12
Year 12	Year 11	Year 7	Year 12	Year 11	Year 7
Year 13	Year 10	Year 8	Year 13	Year 10	Year 8
		Year 9			Year 9

Mon 15	Tues 16	Weds 17
Year 12	Year 11	Year 7
Year 13	Year 10	Year 8
		Year 9

Students will be invited in in groups alphabetically by surname, with testing starting at 8:00 for students in Years 12, 11 and 7. **Appointment times will be texted shortly. These will go to the parents of all students, please ignore if you do not wish for your child to participate.**

Testing will take place in the Sports Hall with a one-way Entry and Exit system. Students should enter the school via their normal year group gate and make their way to their year group zones from where they will be escorted to the testing site. Social distancing must be strictly observed and masks must be worn, unless your child is exempt. Your child should be in uniform, as normal.

Your child will register their lateral flow test directly with NHS test and trace and the results will be sent to their mobile phone. If your child tests positive, please inform the school immediately for contact tracing purposes. Your child and household will need to self-isolate for 10 full days and you should arrange for a PCR test for your child to confirm the result. PCR tests are available for collection from school or can be ordered from <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Following testing your child should return home, returning to school the next day for lessons, so long as they test negative.

We have a highly trained team doing the testing; please reassure your child if they are anxious. The process takes about twenty minutes, with swabbing approximately one to two minutes. You may find it useful to share the attached 'How To Self Swab' guide with your child prior to testing.

After the three tests, from the 22nd March, your child will be provided with testing kits to test themselves at home twice a week. More information will follow regarding this.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Head