



Friday 2nd July, 2021

Request to set up Asymptomatic Test Sites (ATs) - Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Last week schools were informed that they should prepare to run an asymptomatic test site at the beginning of September – but stand down those preparations if the public health situation nearer the time decrees that this is not necessary. We have been told that this should be confirmed when broader decisions are announced about the move into Step 4 of the Covid roadmap.

It is our understanding that we should test students once before they return to school and then a second time within a three to five day period. Again, we await clarification on this.

I am sure you will agree this places schools in a difficult position. We have therefore made the decision to try and get as much of the preparatory work around this carried out prior to breaking up for the summer. This should avoid a risk of communication not getting through to yourselves and ensure that we are ready to go if required to do so. It should also avoid a delayed start to the school term in September.

It is really important to stress that there is a chance that this testing regime will be cancelled at the last minute and as previously, testing remains voluntary.

A starting point for us is to establish the number of students that will be participating in the testing scheme.

Can I ask that all parents and students wishing to take part in the potential asymptomatic mass testing to complete the consent form below by no later than **9.00am on Monday 12th July**.

I reiterate that if this does go ahead, it is entirely voluntary.

Link to consent form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKoapG_I8mJBZGFejEI0voVAoNvaT9vC0n_JGtyW0A6GoFqg/viewform?usp=sf_link

As always if you have any queries please feel free to use the house email addresses and a member of the leadership team will aim to get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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