



Tuesday 7th December, 2021

### Request to set up Asymptomatic Test Sites (ATs) - January 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Last week schools were informed that they should prepare to run asymptomatic testing at the beginning of January and offer all pupils the opportunity to be tested once prior to returning to school.

Testing remains voluntary.

We have a well established system in place for testing now and have made arrangements that ensure that pupils return to school as swiftly as possible after the Christmas break.

The information below should provide you with everything you need to know.

#### Consent to Participate

- We require new consent from all those wishing to be tested on site.
- Please complete the consent form by **Monday 13th December, 4.00pm**
- [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDBG9ySgJniLwI6FS\\_ghkvyAf8\\_vave2ZKxi6Hf\\_P1RV8YFg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDBG9ySgJniLwI6FS_ghkvyAf8_vave2ZKxi6Hf_P1RV8YFg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

#### Testing & Return to School Dates

- All testing will be conducted on Tuesday 4th January.
- Year 11 and 13 pupils will be tested first & will remain on site for lessons that day.
- All other pupils will be allocated a slot throughout the day & should return to school on Wednesday 5th January.

#### Testing Schedule

- Pupils must arrive for testing at their allocated slot, as outlined below.
- We ask that pupils arrive in good time to ensure they do not miss their scheduled slot.
- If for any reason you are unable to attend your allocated slot, please contact us and we will book your child into the catch-up session.
- Please note, if your child is in Year 11 and 13 and not participating in the testing they should arrive at school as normal and go straight to pastoral.

	Allocated Slot	Return to School Date
Year 11	8.00am	Tuesday 4th January
Year 13	8.45am	

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Year 7	10.00am	Wednesday 5th January
Year 8	11.00am	
Year 9	12.00pm	
Year 10	1.30pm	
Year 12	2.30pm	
Catch-up	3.30pm - 4.30pm	

### Key Information: Testing

- Testing will take place in the Main Hall.
- Pupils should enter school by the main gate & line up outside of the DT block.
- A member of staff will be there to meet pupils and organise entering the test site.
- Year 11 and 13 pupils MUST wear their school uniform as normal.
- All other pupils do not need to wear a school uniform for testing.
- Pupils will be given a card with details of how to register their test online. This includes the registration of the barcode assigned to the test. This can be done for up to 24 hours after the test.
- Pupils will then be notified of their results via text/email.
- If a pupil receives a positive result they are required to [book a confirmatory PCR test](#). The Government advice is to visit a community or drive through test site as this is the quickest way to get tested, or you can order a home test kit. It is important that they self-isolate until the result of their PCR test. We will also contact you as soon as possible if this is the case.

I do hope this letter provides you with all the information you require, however if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

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