

14 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

LFT testing

The Department for Education is recommending that all secondary-aged pupils receive an on-site Lateral Flow Test prior to the start of the new term in January. The rationale for this is that many pupils will potentially have mixed with many different households over the Christmas break. The testing will identify any potential cases that may result in communities coming together over the Christmas break.

Approximately one third of all cases of Covid-19 occur without symptoms and young people are more likely to experience no symptoms rather than those who are older. LFT tests are quick and self-administered by students within school and the process is overseen by a team of trained staff.

The Lateral Flow Testing will take place on **Monday 10 January 2022**. Pupils will be given an allocated time during the day to ensure that all pupils can be tested.

Please complete the form below to give permission for your child to receive a Lateral Flow Test. If you do not give permission, please indicate in the box provided.

<https://forms.gle/ymUiHEwVGPEhmpUx9>

Year 10 and Year 11

| Year Group | Time of test | Notes |
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| 11 | 8.30-9.30am | Students go straight to the gym Return to normal timetable following negative test. Any positive test sent home for isolation |
| 10 | 9.30-10.30am | Students go straight to the gym Return to normal timetable following negative test. Any positive test sent home for isolation |

Years 9, 8 and 7

Following testing, students will return home and a normal lesson timetable will begin at 8.25am on Tuesday 11 January.

| Time | Surnames |
|---------------|--------------------|
| 11:00 - 12:00 | Ainsworth - Conteh |
| 12:00 - 13:00 | Cook - Hodge |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Hoggard – Mintu |
| 14:00 - 15:00 | Miranda – Squires |
| 15:00 - 16:00 | Stack - Ziam |

Students are to come in and register in the English rooms (28-30). Testing will take place in the old gym and will last approximately 5 minutes.

The more students who come into school for their LFT test during this week, the safer our return will be. We therefore thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

I sincerely hope, like me, that this year you are surrounded by those you love and that you stay safe. It remains for me to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



Ian Cooper
Head of School