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Dear Parents and Carers

You may have seen in the news recently that the government have requested schools to provide the opportunity for all students to receive an on-site lateral flow test as they return to school in January. We are very keen to avoid a delayed start to the term as far as possible. To aid us with the planning of this and review whether this may have an impact on the face to face return date for students, please read the information below carefully.

We had a number of families in September who preferred to administer their lateral flow test at home. Students have been doing this successfully and regularly for a while now and we appreciate that this may be more convenient. If you intend to undertake a lateral flow test at home before returning to school in January you **DO NOT** need to complete the consent form below. Instead please complete a lateral flow test on Wednesday 5th January and register the test result via the NHS website. In the event of a positive result please also contact the absence line.

If you would prefer your child to have the opportunity to take a lateral flow test on the school site, please complete the consent form below. This will need to be completed by **Thursday 9th December** to enable us to ensure sufficient testing capacity and to book your child a testing slot. **Please note that we will be unable to process consent forms received after this date.**

[Lateral flow testing consent form](#)

If your child has had Covid-19 in the last 90 days, they do not need to take a lateral flow test – please do not fill in the consent form.

We are working to keep our school as safe as possible in light of the growing number of cases nationally. We have adapted our routines to include the wearing of face coverings when transitioning inside (unless exempt) and have suspended full year group face to face assemblies. In line with Public Health England advice, if we are notified of a cluster of positive COVID-19 cases within a class, we will continue to contact parents and carers of those who are affected so that you can arrange a precautionary PCR test.

We strongly encourage all students who are able to take their twice-weekly lateral flow tests and to report the result on the NHS website. Please also communicate a positive result to school via the absence line.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms J Rutherford
Headteacher

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