



Dear Parent/Carer

Thanks for your support with the staggered start to the term to enable us to offer an onsite Lateral Flow Test to all students on their return. This process has run smoothly thanks to our testing team of volunteers, support staff and the maturity and responsibility of our students. Only one positive test result in Year 7 has been recorded so far. We look forward to having all Year groups in school tomorrow.

Regular asymptomatic testing remains a key priority to enable us to reduce the risk of community transmission and keep the school staffed and running effectively. **Please make sure that you test your child this evening and log their test result via the ALIS link and via the [NHS website](#).**

Last Sunday the student testing response rate was only 33%. After a global reminder this increased to 45%. Mr Darby then sent out targeted email reminders to over 400 families and the response rate increased to 73% (apologies that he didn't manage to respond to everyone's messages). I appreciate that testing routines may be out of kilter due to the Christmas holidays and that some families may have run out of Lateral Flow Testing kits. We do have a supply in school and are issuing these to students in tutor time. Spare kits can also be collected from Reception. If you are experiencing issues with receiving the ALIS testing link, please check your junk mail folder in the first instance.

There have been changes to self-isolation arrangements in the latest guidance. Please find attached a letter from the Local Authority which explains recent changes and provides further detailed information, including a diagram explaining the requirements for day 6 and 7 testing in the letter and a flow diagram to follow for suspected and confirmed cases. [Today's news](#) indicates that PCR tests will not be required for asymptomatic cases as from next week. In the meantime, please arrange a PCR test if your child tests positive on a Lateral Flow Test or has any of the three main Covid-19 symptoms. I appreciate that it is proving increasingly challenging to book a PCR test.

Many thanks for your help with keeping the school community as safe as possible.

Yours faithfully

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