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Dear Parents/Carers

### Two Lateral Flow Tests at the start of term in September 2021 - Year 8 to 13

The Department for Education has asked schools to re-open their Asymptomatic Test Centres in September for supervised testing of students (with consent) twice at the start of term. This will help to identify asymptomatic cases and break chains of transmission as the school community joins together again.

To help schools organise this we have been given permission to stagger the start of term for each year group. After the first negative lateral flow test face to face teaching can commence the next day. The second test will be organised 3 to 5 days after the first test whilst students are back in school. We must re-emphasise that the lateral flow tests are to detect asymptomatic coronavirus cases only. Therefore, anyone experiencing any symptoms must not attend school and should follow government guidelines to self-isolate and get a PCR test, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test.

The detailed timetable for testing is set out below and we are now able to provide further details of the times when students should attend for their first test.

#### Timetable for Lateral Flow Test Appointments *students should arrive 10 minutes before their test time.*

Year 8	Wednesday 8 September am	Year 9	Wednesday 8 September pm
TG1	9.00am	TG1	1.30pm
TG2	9.20am	TG2	1.45pm
TG3	9.40am	TG3	2.00pm
TG4	10.00am	TG4	2.15pm
TG5	11.00am	TG5	2.30pm
TG6	11.20am	TG6	2.45pm
TG7	11.40am	TG7	3.00pm

Year 10	Tuesday 7 September am	Year 11	Tuesday 7 September pm
TG1	9.00am	TG1	12.30pm
TG2	9.20am	TG2	12.50pm
TG3	9.40am	TG3	1.10pm
TG4	10.00am	TG4	1.30pm
TG5	11.00am	TG5	1.50pm
TG6	11.20am	TG6	2.10pm
TG7	11.40am	TG7	2.30pm

Year 12 Surname	Monday 6 September pm	Year 13	Tuesday 7 Sept pm
A to M	1.30pm	TG1	2.45pm
N to Z	2.00pm	TG2	2.45pm
		TG3	3.00pm
		TG4	3.00pm

### Arrangements for first Covid-19 Lateral Flow Test

- Students should arrive at the Concorde Drive main student gate 10 minutes before their test time.
- Students must bring a face covering to wear, but do not need to wear school uniform. They should avoid bringing any other items to the test centre.
- Students will be on site for up to 30 minutes, after which they should return home directly.

**Follow the link below to** the BFS Lateral Flow Test Consent Form which includes the full terms of consent, and the Privacy Notice on our website.

<https://forms.office.com/r/tk2i2CEZKG>

Thank you to those who have already given consent for testing. **There is a brief window now when those who have not yet completed the consent form may do so. Please click on the above link to complete and submit the form by 3.00pm on Thursday 2 September.**

If we do not receive a completed consent form we will assume that you do not consent to your child being tested for COVID-19 in school. Your child will therefore return to school on the start date for their year group as stated below:

Year Group	First Test	Start of term
8	Wednesday 8 September (am)	Thursday 9 September
9	Wednesday 8 September (pm)	Thursday 9 September
10	Tuesday 7 September (am)	Wednesday 8 September
11	Tuesday 7 September (pm)	Wednesday 8 September
12	Monday 6 September (pm)	Tuesday 7 September
13	Tuesday 7 September (pm)	Wednesday 8 September

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S King  
Headteacher