



July 2021

Dear Parent

COVID Testing – September 2021

Thank you to parents who completed the online form in relation to consent for COVID testing in the new term, this form has now closed.

I am now sending a follow up to you from the responses we have received in order to make our final plans. **This letter is only relevant to you if you DID complete the consent form for your child to undertake testing, please ignore it if you did not complete the consent form this week.**

Next Steps

Staffing availability to deliver mass testing is challenging due to the window of time being the last week of the holidays and the start of the school term. In September, school will be open as normal and operating fully.

We are required to offer testing in school, this will be the same lateral flow test you have been able to carry out at home since March. For parents of children in current Year 6 moving into seven, you may not have used these test kits at all as yet and you can use this link [here](#) or watch this [video](#) here.

I am asking you to now complete the form at the bottom of this letter indicating if you definitely wish your child to take a test in school or if you are happy to do this at home yourself in the two days before your child returns to school and then again 3 to 5 days after when term has started. If you are happy to do them at home we will provide kits by handing them to your child on the last day of term and some spares will also be made available to collect from the One Stop shop opposite school through the summer break.

If you decide that you definitely want your child to come to school to be tested, they will be asked to administer their own test as they would at home, under supervision from a member of staff, some children may find this easier to do at home with a family member than in school.

The dates for children who are being tested at school are as follows:

- **Tuesday 31 August** – Years 7 to 9 between 8am and 1pm – wait times will vary and we ask **Year 7 parents to accompany their child to their test. Appointments will not be arranged this is a turn up and wait system**
- **Wednesday 1 September** – Years 10-13 - between 8am and 1pm – wait times will vary; students do not need to be accompanied by parents. **Appointments will not be arranged this is a turn up and wait system**
- On **Friday 3 September** we will then do the second test for all students who are taking tests in school. This will mean they need to miss learning time and will run from 8:30 until finished which is likely to be around 5pm based on current numbers consented for tests if they all wish them to be done in school.



We are committed to delivering this service where it is required. This letter is to ask you to consider if you definitely want your child to be tested in school or if you are happy to facilitate this in your own homes as many have been doing for some time. I ask that you complete this form no later than **9am on Monday 26 July** so that we can then make our final arrangements as we head into the last days of the year.

The link for the form is given below:

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

Many thank for your support in this very important matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Pierpoint". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'R'.

Richard Pierpoint
Executive Head