

1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Given the significant increase in COVID-19 cases locally and across the county, it is vital that students continue to take twice weekly testing using the Lateral Flow Device (LFD). LFD tests are most effective when detecting infectious cases of coronavirus. They identify people with a high viral load who are the most likely to spread the virus further. LFDs detect the virus in people without symptoms so each positive case we find is one that would have gone otherwise undetected. These tests are proving to be accurate and reliable and, where used appropriately and in the correct way, they will continue to help us to break chains of transmission and save lives.

It is vital that you report your result (positive or negative) to NHS Test and Trace and via the school website. Given the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, those students that are unwilling or unable to take their test at home, may be requested to be tested in school. We continue to closely monitor those who report their result via the school website, this data will be used to inform those asked to be tested. If you do not wish for your child to be tested at random and have previously given consent (March 2021) then please let us know by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Anyone who tests positive using an LFD test will be asked to take a confirmatory follow-up PCR test. **It remains essential that anyone who gets a positive LFD result self-isolates immediately for 10 days, as well as the other members of their household. You must only leave home for your follow-up test.** You should arrange your confirmatory PCR immediately. For the fastest result, we suggest you [book a PCR test at a test site](#). You can also book a home test [online](#) or call 119 to book a test.

Yours faithfully



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