



**“To Strive and Achieve is to Succeed”**

3rd January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

**On site LFD Covid test (January 2022)**

Following the government announcement regarding increased Covid measures, the DFE has requested that all schools offer **one** on site lateral flow test to students during the first week of term in January 2022 when they return to school. A link to the latest DFE guidance documents can be found here.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

The DFE stated in an email sent to schools on the 29th November. *“We would like all secondary schools to prepare to test their pupils once on-site on return in January. We understand that this is a significant additional ask but testing continues to play a vital role in keeping COVID-19 out of schools. Testing all pupils in school boosts testing participation and will help reduce transmission after a period of social mixing over the school holidays.”*

I am pleased to say we have managed to facilitate the set up of an on site testing facility for the first week of January. Testing is voluntary and will only be carried out on those students where consent is provided by their legal guardian. Please see attached Terms of Consent document. To support our planning, please complete the booking request form which includes consent using the following link if you wish your child/ward to have a lateral flow test on site. <https://forms.gle/QduuGv2GsMu8x76c7>

To facilitate testing, there will be a staggered start to the term, students should attend school on the day and at the time indicated below to take their test and return home. Students coming onto site to test should meet staff in the Gallery Theatre to complete the registration process. They will then go to the Table Tennis centre to conduct the lateral flow test and will then leave site.

Please make sure your son has the following to facilitate registration.

Mobile phone

Home address including postcode

Email address and a mobile phone number for the results of the test to be sent to

Face mask

**OnSite Test Date & Time**

Time	Tue 4 Jan	Wed 5 Jan	Thu 6 Jan	Fri 7 Jan
845AM	11P1	7H1	9P1 9T1	8H1
915AM	11P2	7H2	9P2 9T2	8H2
945AM	11P3	7H3	9P3 9T3	8H3
1015AM	11P4	7H4	9P4 9T4	8H4
1115AM	11P5	7O1	9P5 9T5	8O1
1145AM	13A 13B	7O2	10P1 10T5	8O2

1215PM	13C 13D	7O3	10P2 10T4	8O3
115PM	11T3	7W1	10P3 10T3	8W1
145PM	11T4 11T1	7W2	10P4 10T2	8W2
215PM	11T5	12C 12D	10P5 10T1	8W3 8O4
245PM	11T2	12A 12B		

Students in each year group will return to normal school on the date indicated below, immediately following the year group testing day.

**Return to School Date**

Wed 5 Jan	Thu 6 Jan	Fri 7 Jan	Mon 10 Jan
Year 11 Year 13	Year 7 Year 12	Year 9 Year 10	Year 8

If Year 13 students have a mock examination on Tuesday 4th January, they should attend school to sit the exam at the time indicated on their timetable. There will not be any lessons that day. Year 13 students will be able to take a lateral flow test in the middle of the day in between the mock examinations scheduled.

People who have tested COVID positive in the last 90 days should not attend an asymptomatic test, as this may result in a false positive.

A link to the Covid-19 Testing Privacy Statement can be found below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-privacy-information/testing-forcoronavirus-privacy-information--2>

If you have any further questions please contact me at [samuelsl@thehowardschool.co.uk](mailto:samuelsl@thehowardschool.co.uk). Unfortunately it will not be possible for students to come at any other time than the time slot indicated in the above to ensure the test centre is not over capacity.

Yours sincerely



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