



6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for staff and students**

I am writing to provide further details regarding the Government's coronavirus testing scheme to be rolled out in schools. Along with other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help our staff and students to remain in school safely. As the current advice suggests that up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms, regular testing of staff and students will help to stop the virus spread and keep our school open as safely as possible. The test is voluntary, but we would encourage all students to engage in this program.

A program of testing will commence next week for the students who are currently in school. A full programme will be released for all Year groups when we know a return date after the lockdown period. The lateral flow test requires two tests to be undertaken within 3 – 5 days and involves students self-administering a swab to the back of their throat or nose under staff supervision. The tests cannot be administered without parental consent. In order to provide consent, please complete the google form below by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January for 9am**:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBEP20eZeir0trJOBEOPOGCyc\\_x0\\_VpQRZLGsdIsh7QS-M-pw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBEP20eZeir0trJOBEOPOGCyc_x0_VpQRZLGsdIsh7QS-M-pw/viewform)

When we return from lockdown each year group will be invited into school at an allocated time of the day; more details will be released when we have guidance on a return date from the Government. Dates and times for testing will be communicated via Facebook and our school website. When the testing commences we will make contact with parents/carers should their child's test be positive. A further 'PCR' test should then be arranged by dialling 119 or via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> and the household should then self-isolate pending the result.

The testing program at school is for students with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss of change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, book a 'PCR' test and inform the school. If you require any further information regarding the coronavirus testing scheme then please contact Fiona Rowles – Jane (Assistant Principal) on 01209 712280 or [rowles-janef@cambornescience.co.uk](mailto:rowles-janef@cambornescience.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

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