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Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19 Asymptomatic Testing in January 2022

The Department for Education has published updated guidance about actions schools should take to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19, endorsed by Public Health England (PHE).

Asymptomatic testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools. We encourage students and staff to carry out lateral flow tests twice a week at home. If you or your family require Covid testing kits, they are available for collection from school reception or from local community venues and pharmacies.

On our return to school in January 2022, we will carry out Covid19 Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing for students. This will be staggered across 2 days in individual year groups, to reduce mixing of any potential cases. Parents will need to have consented to the testing by completing the Covid Testing Consent Form which can be accessed here <https://forms.gle/yb8xRCrUhfInAJTY6> A COVID-19 Testing Privacy Statement is also attached to this letter for your information.

Please note the following information regarding your child's return to school in January dependent upon their year group;

Year Group	Date of Return
Year 7	<p><u>Tuesday 4 January 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students should report to the main hall fire exit near reception at the below times. Students given consent for a lateral flow test in school will go to a testing station. Remaining students will be supervised in classrooms. <p>Surname A-H arrive at 10.00AM Surname I-P arrive at 10.30AM Surname Q-Z arrive at 11.00AM</p>
Year 8	<p><u>Wednesday 5 January 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students should report to the main hall fire exit near reception at the below times. Students given consent for a lateral flow test in school will go to a testing station. Remaining students will be supervised in classrooms. <p>Surname A-H arrive at 10.00AM Surname I-P arrive at 10.30AM Surname Q-Z arrive at 11.00AM</p>
Year 9	<p><u>Tuesday 4 January 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students should report to the main hall fire exit near reception at the below times. Students given consent for a lateral flow test in school will go to a testing station. Remaining students will be supervised in classrooms. <p>Surname A-H arrive at 11.30AM Surname I-P arrive at 12.00PM Surname Q-Z arrive at 12.30PM</p>

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Year 10	<p><u>Wednesday 5 January 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students should report to the main hall fire exit near reception at the below times. Students given consent for a lateral flow test in school will go to a testing station. Remaining students will be supervised in classrooms. <p>Surname A-H arrive at 08.30AM Surname I-P arrive at 09.00AM Surname Q-Z arrive at 09.30AM</p>
Year 11	<p><u>Tuesday 4 January 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students should report to the main hall fire exit near reception at the below times. Students given consent for a lateral flow test in school will go to a testing station. Remaining students will be supervised in classrooms. <p>Surname A-H arrive at 08.30AM Surname I-P arrive at 09.00AM Surname Q-Z arrive at 09.30AM</p>

If you do not consent to on site testing for your child, we would encourage you to collect home testing kits at a community venue or pharmacy to enable them to test at home, prior to their return. We strongly encourage ALL students to take a Covid-19 test prior to their return to the academy to help minimise the risk of transmission and safeguard students and staff.

If your child has had Covid after 6 October 2021, then please do not attend testing in school as they may get a false positive result.

Please note that testing remains a voluntary process and the academy is following all UK Government guidance relating to Covid19. A copy of your risk assessment can be found via <https://www.bydales.outwood.com/covid-19>

Many thanks for your ongoing support during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely



Seana Rice
Principal