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January On-Site Testing for Pupils

Dear Parent or Carer,

You may be aware that, aligned with the Government's response to the emergence of the new Omicron variant of COVID-19, guidance for schools has been updated and revised. Part of this new guidance includes secondary schools offering one lateral flow test to all students, on site, before returning to the classroom in January.

By testing we will help to reduce the spread of COVID 19 through asymptomatic transmission. I am therefore strongly encouraging engagement with the testing regime in January and to continue with self-testing at home on a twice weekly basis thereafter.

Lateral flow testing on site will be carried out via a similar process as when schools reopened in September and all consents previously given for testing will be carried forward. If you wish to, you are able to amend your consent status through the 'My Child At School (MCAS) app.

Alternatively, please contact school reception to inform us of a change to the consent previously provided. If we do not hold any consent information, we will presume that no consent has been provided and, therefore, your child will not have a test when they return to school.

If you wish to update the status of your consent for Covid testing, please do so no later than 9am, Monday 6th December. After this point, we will need to collate numbers and finalise planning for January.

The full details regarding the testing arrangements and the schedule of the return to school for all pupils will be shared before the end of term once planning is complete.

Yours faithfully

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