



4 January 2021

Dear parent/carer

RE: Consent for COVID-19 lateral flow testing

You will probably be aware from recent government announcements that schools will be offering rapid testing for all staff and students. In order for your child to benefit from this offer, we are asking for your consent.

What is a Lateral Flow Test?

Lateral flow tests allow for a rapid turnaround of results and can be conducted without the need for a laboratory. The aim is to pick up asymptomatic carriers of COVID-19 to prevent unknowingly spreading the virus. Students will be asked to swab themselves under the supervision of a trained member of staff who will then conduct the lateral flow test. Results are usually available within 30 minutes. Any student with a positive result will be asked to self-isolate and have their result confirmed by a PCR test (the full test that is then sent to a lab).

What happens to close contacts?

Any student found to be a close contact of a positive case will be offered serial lateral flow testing where they will be tested every day for 7 school days. They will not need to self-isolate unless they receive a positive result. Students without parental consent for the lateral flow tests will need to self-isolate for 10 days and study from home.

Consent Form

Please provide your consent by completing the following form:

<https://forms.gle/krsjEhmvCkMg7USKA>

NB: Consent must be given by 3pm Tuesday 5th January 2021. Non-return will be treated as consent NOT given.

Yours faithfully

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