

Dear parents,

In my letter to you last week, I gave you some information about testing for coronavirus in schools. The idea behind this testing is to identify staff and students who don't have COVID symptoms and therefore could be carrying the virus and spreading it to others. The test being used is the Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test, which produce a result without the need for a laboratory.

As I said last week, our testing centre is now ready on site and we have started the process of testing staff. Next week, we would like to start to test students who are currently accessing on site provision. They will receive 2 tests next week, 3-5 days apart. We will then be able test students daily for 7 days who have been identified as close contacts to a positive COVID case as an alternative to self- isolation (as long as they do not live with the person who has tested positive).

This is obviously entirely optional. If you are happy to give your consent for the test can you please click on the link and submit the form: <https://tinyurl.com/yyacwrjv>. I have attached frequently asked questions and a privacy notice for your information. Please note these have been produced by the government and have not been updated since the national lockdown was announced.

If your child is not currently accessing on-site provision but you are happy to give your consent for when they do return can you please also submit your consent so that we can start to gather responses.

As ever, thank you for your continued support in these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs R Coning
(Head of School)