



15th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to confirm the COVID19 asymptomatic testing arrangements for the Autumn term.

As children and young people return to the classroom, following the summer holidays and the further easing of restrictions, we need to be sure that potential Covid-19 cases are found as quickly as possible and measures put in place to prevent the virus spreading throughout the school community. From 16th August, if step 4 of the roadmap goes ahead, these measures will no longer include the self-isolation of close contacts if they are under age 18 or have had both doses of the vaccine. This makes regular testing even more important.

Testing Arrangements

Year 7 students will be offered two tests onsite at school to ensure they are confidently and correctly administering the tests, which have not been offered to them at primary school. Whilst all other students should complete one test on site and one at home before they return to school.

All testing on site will take place in the sports hall. Access to the school will be via the rear entrance in Sherwood Drive. Years 8 to 13 will be given test kits to take home after their first test. Year 7 will receive them after their second test.

Thursday 2nd September

9:00 – 11:00	Year 7 first test
11:30 – 12:30	Year 12 & 13 first test
1:30 – 3:30	Year 11 first test

Friday 3rd September

9:00 – 10:30	Year 10 first test
11:00 – 12:30	Year 9 first test
1:30 – 3:00	Year 8 first test

Monday 6th September

8:15 – 9:30	Year 7 second test
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Year 7 students will remain in school after their second test. Year 11 students will start at 8:30 and Year 12 students start at 11:20 on Monday 6th September. All other year groups will start back on Tuesday 7th September at 8:30.

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We would like all students to continue testing twice a week in line with government guidance.

Apart from Year 7 students, please remember to complete your second test before returning to school.

It remains essential that students and staff continue to test at home, twice a week. From September, we will continue to provide test kits, but if you find you do not have sufficient supply to cover the summer holiday period, test kits can be ordered online or collected at a local pharmacies or libraries. More information is available [here](#).

One in three people who test positive for Covid-19 do not have symptoms and so regular asymptomatic testing continues to be a vital part of our response to managing the virus. This new testing approach is designed to minimise the spread of Covid-19 and support more learners to remain in face-to-face education, which is our top priority.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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