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Dear Parents and Carers

Lateral Flow Device Tests (LFD Test)

Thank you for your patience whilst we have been setting up our Lateral Flow Device testing programme. We are ready to begin testing the week beginning 18th January. In the first instance we will be offering tests to those students who are attending school. These are keyworker's children and those students who have been invited into school. However, once all our students return to school, we will be offering tests to all students.

For those students who are attending school, we will be commencing the first tests on Monday 18th January. This will be followed by further tests to confirm the validity of the first test. In order to carry out the tests we need to have parent/carer permission for students aged 11 to 16. Students over 16 can complete their own consent form but they will need to discuss this with their parents.

If you would like your son/daughter to be included in the testing programme you will need to read and complete the consent form which you can access via the link below. (This is the same form that was sent out to parents/carers on 31st December and can also be accessed through our school website – Covid 19 tab, Covid Test Consent Form). If you have already submitted a consent form, there is no need to do this again. The form needs to be submitted by 12 noon on Friday 15th January. This is giving consent for your son/daughter to have their first test and subsequent tests. Please complete one consent form for each child you wish to enrol. We will only test those students for whom we have received a consent form.

[Here is the link to the Consent Form](#)

On the morning of the test, students will be escorted to our test centre in the gym, where they will be booked in and guided by fully trained staff to self-administer the swab test. This is a very quick process. There will be staff to support all students with the test and once the swab test has been completed students will be escorted out of the test centre. The swab test will be processed and the results of the test will be known between 20 - 30 minutes. Our team will record the results on the NHS portal.



Students will be given a registration card, with their unique barcode, to bring home. On this card there are instructions to guide parents/carers on how to register their son/daughter using the barcode/number. The results of the LFD test will be emailed to parents/carers, or to the student if they are over 16. There is no need to notify the school of the result as we will already know.

For negative results that is the end of this process and students will be retested 3 – 5 days after their first test. In the event of a void result the test will need to be repeated. If the test is positive we will know within 20-30 minutes of the test being taken and we will isolate the student, contact parents/carers and ask for you to collect your son/daughter. A PCR test will need to be taken as soon as possible to confirm the result of the LFD test.

In the event of a positive test we will guide parents/carers and students through the process. We are here to support and reassure families through the whole process and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns, at covidtesting@wreake.bepschools.org.

Yours sincerely

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