

24 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re Consent for Covid LFT

On Monday, the Prime Minister unveiled his road map out of lockdown, including how schools would safely return to face to face teaching. As part of these plans, details of a new approach for testing students aged 11 and over were shared. The initial part of the new testing programme is for all secondary aged students to be offered 3 lateral flow tests which are to be carried out at school over the 2-week period beginning on 8 March 2021. After these 3 tests have been completed, testing will shift to twice weekly tests to be carried out at home.

Whilst testing is not compulsory, we sincerely hope that all students opt in to this programme and play their part in protecting themselves, their friends and peers, staff and the wider community from the spread of Covid-19.

In order to be able to offer testing to students, consent forms from parents are required. As the testing programme due to begin on 8 March 2021 is different to that which was previously proposed by government, all students will require the new consent form below to be completed by a parent or guardian (even if a previous one was completed).

[CONSENT FORM \(click her\)](#)

No student will be tested if a consent form has not been returned.

As a result, I am contacting you today to urge you to complete the form and advise us on whether you wish your child to be part of the testing programme.

A return for every single student is required.

If we do not receive a form for each student, you will be contacted so that we can establish what your wishes are. Unfortunately, this may slow the process of completing the testing programme or delay your child accessing a test.

The form should be completed no later than **07:00 on Monday 1 March 2021**. This will then enable us to see how many students we will be testing and finalise a programme to carry this out.

I cannot urge you strongly enough to complete the form and work with us to achieve a 100% testing rate for students.

Further details regarding all other information about the full return to the academy of students will follow in a separate letter on Friday.

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Thank you in advance of your cooperation and support

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Barlow', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr S Barlow
Principal