

10th December 2021

Dear Families,

This letter contains important information relating to lateral flow device testing so please read it carefully.

PLEASE NOTE - If your child has recently (within 90 days) had a positive PCR test for COVID-19, they are likely to have developed some immunity. Individuals are exempt from testing by both PCR and LFD within 90 days of a positive PCR test, unless they develop new symptoms.

Home testing during the Christmas period:

Firstly, thank you for encouraging your child to continue testing twice weekly and reporting the results via the NHS website. Guidance from the Department for Education states that students may wish to continue LFD testing during the Christmas holiday period in situations where they are more likely to catch or spread COVID-19. This includes spending time in crowded and enclosed spaces, or before visiting people who are at higher risk of severe illness if they catch COVID-19. From this week, an additional supply of LFD tests will be available to each student.

Your child will be given two testing kits to take home in their PSHE lesson on Friday 10th December, which will allow for testing to continue during the Christmas holiday period. You can obtain an additional supply at Order coronavirus (COVID-19) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Continue to report results here: Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

Testing from 4th January 2022

Latest guidance from the Department for Education states that all secondary schools are preparing to test students once on return in January.

Testing onsite on return is an effective way to reduce the risk of transmission in school and supports the continuation of face-to-face education, by identifying positive cases and isolating those that are the most contagious as soon as is practical.

On Tuesday 4th January 2022 Year 7, 11 and Sixth Form students are asked to attend the academy **at the main site entrance** site during the designated time slot, to self-administer a lateral flow test.

| Time | Year group |
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| 8.30am | Year 7– then will remain at school in tutor groups |
| 11.00am | Year 11 then will remain at school in tutor groups (plus 5 Year 13 examination students) |
| 1.15pm | Remainder of Year 13 - taught in lessons/exams |
| 2.00pm | Year 12 taught in lessons |

On Wednesday 5th January 2022

Years 8 and 9 please attend through the **main entrance** to the school

| Time | Year group |
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| Year 7, 11 and Manor College will be in school for the full day | |
| 8.30am | Year 8– then will remain at school in tutor groups |
| 11.00am | Year 9 - then will remain at school in tutor groups |
| 1. 50pm | Year 10 arrive for test only at the Sports Centre entrance then leave site |

Students are asked to arrive during the time slot given above. Please wear a face covering / mask.

Thursday 6th January all students are in normal lessons

In order for your child to attend the testing centre to self-administer their LFD test, please could all parents/carers complete the consent link by clicking here. <https://forms.office.com/r/NGcxYSLGAY>

Those consented previously, are asked to complete the form again please.

Please note, the consent form must be completed by Friday 24th December 2021. If your child attends the testing centre on Tuesday 4th, without consent, they will not be permitted to participate in testing. In addition, we will not be able to process consent requests via phone, email or otherwise.

For those students' not in school there will be online learning and in addition, Year 10 will be given a PSHE booklet for completion.

Yours sincerely



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