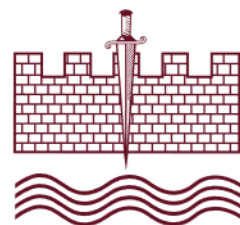


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**Headteacher:** Ms Clare Costello

Dear Parent/ Carer,

### Asymptomatic COVID Testing, September

The updated guidance for schools <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance> states that:

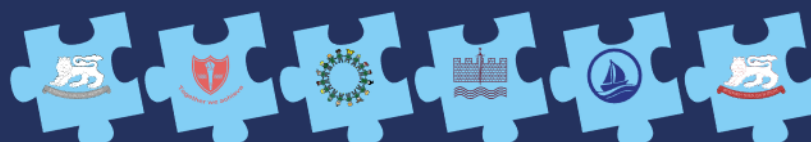
As pupils will potentially mix with lots of other people during the summer holidays, all secondary school pupils should receive 2 on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the autumn term.

We are currently planning how to fulfil this requirement for all of our 1800+ students; the exact time and day for students to receive their tests is still being organised but we will use a similar system to that we used on our return to school in March. Once the plan is confirmed the details will be forwarded to you in the summer.

However, what is already clear is that it is not possible for all children to return to school on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. As with the start of the second half of the spring term there will be a staggered return of students to school necessitating remote education for year groups from September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**We will be sending out consent requests which you only need to complete if you wish to alter the consent previously given.** If your consent status has not changed then there is no need to complete a new form as we will abide by your response from February. Please look out for this consent request which will be sent out shortly; we must have this completed by all our new, year 7 families please.

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To clarify therefore:

- All students are expected to receive two **onsite** lateral flow tests on their return in the autumn term
- We will confirm the exact plan for this in August
- Year groups will have a staggered return to onsite learning
- Remote learning will be conducted from September 2<sup>nd</sup> for those year groups not yet able to return to onsite learning
- If you would like to change the consent (or non-consent) previously given please complete a new consent form
- All new year 7 students will need a completed consent form

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Best wishes

**Clare Costello**  
**Headteacher**

