



13th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: On-site COVID Testing Facilities

I am delighted to confirm that there will be a mobile COVID Testing unit on our site tomorrow morning, **Monday 14th December** offering a test, in the first instance, to all students in years 11, 12 and 13 who are currently in school with no symptoms as this is where the infection rate amongst young people is highest. We are also extending the offer of testing to their families.

I appreciate that this is short notice but positive COVID cases have been increasing rapidly locally and the tests will reduce the risk of those without symptoms spreading the virus. This test will also provide you with peace of mind and give you the information you need to keep your family and the local community safe over the Christmas period. Being tested on Monday means that even if the result is positive you would be able to spend Christmas with the family as isolation would end before Christmas day.

The facility will have the ability to do 500 tests. The tests are voluntary. **Year 11 students must have parental consent.** I also urge their family to make use of this opportunity and be tested. In order to ensure that your child is tested on Monday and to book a test for members of your household please click on the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9KPH5QH>

Given the expected demand these tests will be done on a first come first serve basis.

In order to be tested each student and their household will need to

- bring a mobile device to register
- wear a mask

The test is a throat and nose swab which is self-administered under the supervision of the testing team. Do not take the test if you have been tested positive in the last 90 days. This is because dead virus remains and is likely to give a false positive.

This is a test for those without symptoms (asymptomatic). You do not need to self-isolate while you are waiting for the result.



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If the test result is **positive** you and household members will need to self-isolate for 10 days. We ask that you **inform the school as soon as you receive this test result**. We recognise this may be disruptive for your family, but it is really important to isolate to prevent the spread of the virus.

I am really pleased that we can offer this facility and help protect your family and our community. Should you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school, lines will be open from 07:30 tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

Janis Davies
Principal