



Principal: Helen Corbett

Final Day of Term and On-Site Lateral Flow Testing on Return in January

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you continue to be well.

On the final day of term (Friday 17th December) we will be finishing slightly earlier with students leaving site at 1pm. All year groups will have the opportunity to have their lunch and they will attend 3 lessons on their normal timetable before their day concludes for their Christmas break.

You may know through the recent media coverage that the government is directing schools to provide on-site lateral flow testing for students on their return in January. These on-site lateral flow tests are being offered by schools to as many secondary age students as possible in the first week of term. The aim of the testing is to help keep schools as safe as possible after the Christmas break.

The testing will be optional but is strongly encouraged by the government. We are opting to not have a staggered return for our students with all students returning to school on **Wednesday 5th January** (Tuesday 4th January remains an INSET Day).

From Wednesday 5th January to Friday 7th January all students in Year 7 through to Year 13 will have the option to receive a lateral flow test. An overview of testing dates and times for each form group is attached to this letter.

Consent

If you have already provided online consent for your child when onsite testing took place in September, **you do not** need to complete the online consent form again. However, if you did not provide consent in September, and you are happy for your child to be tested please complete the online consent form on the link below. The consent form must be completed by **Friday 17th December**.

<https://forms.gle/pqehda9CZne5Yk9A7>

You will need to complete a separate form for each child. We will be unable to test your child if this form has not been completed. Test results will be sent to the email address and mobile number provided on the consent form.

In the event of a positive result, the school will contact you and your child will need to take a confirmatory PCR test and self-isolate for 10 days (unless the PCR comes back as negative).

We will support our pupils throughout, but please contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Corbett
Principal