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Dear Parents and Carers,

LATERAL FLOW TESTING FOR STUDENTS UPON RETURN TO SCHOOL IN JANUARY 2022

We are continuing to work to keep our school as safe as possible. We have been advised by Public Health England to provide on-site lateral flow testing before our students arrive back to school after the Christmas break.

Our test site at school will be fully operational on Tuesday 4th January 2022 to test our Year 7 students, on Wednesday 5th January 2022 our Year 8 & 9 students will be tested and then on Thursday 6th January 2022 our Year 10 and 11 students will be tested.

To accommodate this process we are acting on advice from the Local Authority and staggering the return date for our students as follows, regardless of whether your child is testing or not:

Tuesday 4th January 2022 – Year 7 students only in school
Wednesday 5th January 2022 – Year 7, 8 and 9 students in school
Thursday 6th January 2022- Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 students in school

Students on bespoke timetables will attend school with their year groups.

The testing is recommended by Public Health England but it is not compulsory. If you already consented in September for your child then we will use this consent for January. If you have not consented and you wish to do so then please click on the link below to complete a google consent form. If we do not receive a consent form from you, then this will be your confirmation that you do not wish your child to be part of the testing programme.

<https://forms.gle/im9MysgYvXE6Ja516>

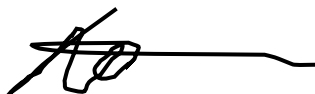
Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The Orient Gene Rapid Covid-19 Lateral Flow Tests are quick and easy and only require a double nasal swab. Staff can oversee the swab process. Staff will not administer tests



Our staff will have carried out a home lateral flow test before arriving back at school and will continue to do this twice weekly during the Christmas break.

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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David Pearce
Headteacher