



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

JCB/SMF

15 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Covid-19 testing in January

I am contacting you to give you advance notice about the arrangements for the start of term in January.

You will no doubt recall the beginning of term in September when we gave a lateral flow Covid test to all students on their return to school. The Government has requested that schools repeat the Covid testing process after the Christmas holidays in January. It is our intention to give one lateral flow test to students which will operate alongside the home Covid testing programme that we are also supporting.

In order for us to facilitate the testing, the start of term will be staggered to enable us to test students as they return to school. We are aiming to complete the tests within two days so that there is minimum disruption to learning. Students will be invited into school at the times below, irrespective of their test status. Students will remain in school after their test and will continue with their regular timetable.

Tuesday 4 January 2022

09.00 - Year 13
10.30 - Year 12
12.00 - Year 11

Wednesday 5 January 2022

08.30 - Year 10
10.00 - Year 9
11.00 - Year 8
12.00 - Year 7

Students should go straight to the Senior Common Room (SCR) to be registered before taking their Covid test. As before, testing will take place in the Sports Hall and will be conducted by trained test operatives who are supervised by our staff. It is anticipated that the tests will be the Orient Gene nasal swabs and results will be known within 30 minutes. Any student testing positive on the lateral flow test will be withdrawn from lessons and isolated until you are able to collect them.

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We very strongly encourage you to support this testing process so we can reduce the risk of transmission of Covid. This is particularly important in the light of the new Omicron variant. Your support will help us keep as many students and staff in school as possible so we can maintain face-to-face teaching.

Please complete the consent form by clicking on the link below and completing the form by **Monday 3 January 2022**. If we don't hear from you, we will assume that your agreement to testing will be unchanged from that given in September and/or March. Please let us know if your child has tested positive for Covid in the last 90 days following a PCR test.

[Consent Form for Covid Testing - January 2022](#)

We really do appreciate your support. The safety of everyone in the school community is of paramount importance to us and we believe that continued testing will help us break chains of transmission and help keep school open.

Please use the lateral flow home Covid testing kits over the Christmas break and take a test twice a week and also the day before returning school. Taking tests in this way will help us to monitor the effectiveness of the testing programme if you report your result to us by following the link on the website.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all the very best for the festive season and hope you have a peaceful and Happy New Year for 2022.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Barnett', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Barnett
Assistant Headteacher

