

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme.

To reduce the risk and spread of Covid-19, we will be completing two on-site tests prior to the children returning to school. The test will require a swab of each nostril. Please can you arrange for your child/children to go to the Sports Hall via the playground for their allotted time - see below for the date and time. Following the test, they will be provided with a barcode and instructions to register their details with the NHS which will enable the result to be texted to you.

The children will be provided with home test kits to enable twice weekly testing each Monday and Thursday, prior to coming into school. The requirement to complete home lateral flow tests will commence on Thursday 9th September.

The tests (onsite and home tests) are not mandatory, but we strongly encourage your children to complete regular testing. This will help in reducing the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. We recognise the need to minimise any disruption to education and to continue to support your child's mental wellbeing. The government will continue to review testing considering any changes to the public health situation.

Year 8 to Year 11 students previously provided consent for the school testing process. Year 7 students will need to provide consent - please log into SCOPAY to complete this action.

<https://www.scopay.com/login.html>

Year	Form	Friday 3 rd Sept	Monday 6 th Sept	Tuesday 7 th Sept
Yr 7	GMO	08:30	13:00	
	RBY	09:15	13:45	
Yr 8	GMO	10:00		08:30
	RBY	10:45		09:15
Yr 9	GMO	11:30		10:00
	RBY	12:15		10:45
Yr 10	GMO	13:45		11:30
	RBY	14:15		12:15
Yr 11	GMO	15:15	14:30	
	RBY	16:00	15:15	

If your child is experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms, please do not send them in for testing. Please arrange a PCR test.

If your child cannot attend either of their allotted dates, they can complete a lateral flow test at home on the day in question and record the results directly with the NHS and the school. Home test kits can be picked up from the school (by the main office).

- Reporting to NHS Test and Trace: www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result
- Reporting to the school: <https://forms.office.com/r/miwenXZXWd>

From the 16th August the rules have changed in respect of close contacts. If your child tests positive via a LFT device, please arrange a confirmatory PCR test. Close contacts (identified by NHS Test and Trace) will be advised to arrange a PCR test but will not need to isolate if under 18 years of age or have been double vaccinated, while waiting for the result of the PCR or if they have received a negative PCR test.

Yours faithfully
Amanda Gallacher
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