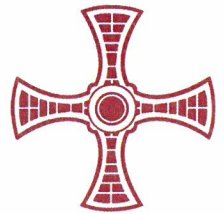




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Dear Parents/Carers

You may have read already that the government has announced that daily serial COVID testing of close contacts of positive cases in school has been paused until further notice. However, weekly testing of staff in school and mass testing of students who return to school is to continue.

At present, this only affects those students currently attending school under the critical worker/ vulnerable criteria. This letter is to remind parents and carers of these children that from next week we will begin this testing with those students for whom we have received consent. Those students for whom we have not received consent will not be tested.

We remind you that children will be tested by lateral flow test twice, 3 to 5 days apart. We will aim to test Year 7 students Monday and Thursday, Year 8 and Year 9 students Tuesday and Friday, and KS4 and Post-16 students Wednesday and the Monday of the following week. Clearly, this may be subject to some re-scheduling as the week goes on. Please remember that you will receive the test result sent by NHS Test and Trace to the email and mobile number which you provided in the consent form. Regardless of the NHS notification, in the case of a positive test, the school will contact any parents.

Please rest assured that we shall reassure and supervise all students involved throughout the entire process.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Juric
Head Teacher

