1st March 2021

Year 13 Testing Instructions

Please note the following:

- **You must not attend if you are displaying symptoms of Covid, or are isolating due to receiving a positive Covid test, being identified as a contact of a positive test by NHS Test and Trace, or due to a period of household Covid isolation.**

- **If your child has received a positive Covid test within the previous 90 days, they are exempt from testing at present and should not attend.**

- **Only those students whose parents/carers have given consent through the electronic form should attend testing.**

Testing is voluntary, although students are encouraged to participate. Not being tested does not stop your child from recommencing school attendance from Wednesday 10th March. If on the day a student does not wish to be tested, they will not be forced to participate. If you previously gave consent, but have now changed your mind, please do not send your child in for testing. If a student arrives for testing and their parent/carer previously gave consent, then that will signify that the consent still stands.

Below are the arrival windows for your year group. You may arrive for testing at any point during the hour window, but if possible please arrive during the first 45 minutes. Students must stick to their window, otherwise potentially we will not be able to cope with the numbers arriving. We cannot arrange individual testing times for students. Students should expect to be on site for approximately one hour, but that may run over.

Please note that remote learning will still be in place Friday 5th, Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th March. It will take the form of uploaded work, not live teaching, as there will be too many students in transit during these three days and too many staff helping to organise the testing to make live teaching a feasible option for this period.

Year 13:
Surnames A-H   11am to 12pm Monday 8th March
Surnames I-M   3:30 to 4pm Monday 8th March
Surnames N-Z   11am to 12pm Tuesday 9th March

Instructions

- When students arrive they should **not** walk down towards Student Reception or *The Mall*, but should walk along the front of the building parallel with Biddick Lane, around the DT block, and down towards the Sports Hall.
- Students should keep a 2 metre distance from each other as they walk round and line up.
- Students should be wearing face masks once inside, and be in full school uniform.
- After their test students will be waiting on the school yard until their result is processed, therefore they should bring a coat.
- Students should not use the school bus to come to school.
- Parents/Carers may wait on site in their vehicles in the visitors' car park if they wish, whilst the testing takes place, but are not permitted to accompany their child into school.

Results

- **We will inform parents/carers of any positive tests as immediately as possible by telephone, and your child will have to be collected.**
- **We will not inform parents of negative results.**
- **Once a child receives a negative result they must leave the site immediately.**
- You should also expect to be informed via NHS Test and Trace of the outcome within 24 hours by email.

Back to lessons

All students, other than any who have tested positive, should return to school as normal from **Wednesday 10th March**. A reminder of procedures and arrangements will be sent out later this week. Children of Critical Workers/ Vulnerable Children can attend school as usual during the testing days, if school has been informed of their attendance in advance. They will be collected from their classroom for their testing time and will return there after their result, providing it is negative.

Thank you for your cooperation with this process and we look forward to welcoming all students back to full lessons from Wednesday next week. Instructions regarding future home testing will be sent out in due course.

With best wishes

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Head Teacher