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Dear Parent or Carer

Lateral Flow Testing Consent

As I am sure you are aware, a number of announcements have been made regarding how schools will operate once the country moves to Step 4 later this month. We will outline what this will mean for the final weeks of term and September in a further letter next week.

As part of the preparation for September Department for Education (DfE) have tasked secondary schools with completing mass testing for asymptomatic cases of Covid-19 for students within schools.

The Lateral Flow Tests which we have received from the NHS are quick and easy to complete, giving i a result in less than 30 minutes. As such we will be able to do the following, in accordance with the guidance issued by the DfE:

- Test all students twice within a three-to-five-day period upon their return to school in September.

I would like to assure all parents and carers that we are diligently following all the guidance which has been shared via the DfE, and all of our staff members involved have completed the training provided and certified as competent. The NHS have provided appropriate risk assessments, which have been amended to the needs of our schools and are available on The Education Alliance website.

If you would like your child to participate in mass testing, you will need to complete the consent form by scanning this code by **Friday 16 July 2021**:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FQwRfuQAF0eCEfeLYA6iFN_Ph2sd8bxFIIGP2W8OmxhUMzRJWUDU4NEJYUjcwTIQ5QUFWUDdINVEzMC4u



This is a voluntary consent; it is not mandatory to participate. If you choose not to consent, then your child will not be tested and can attend school as planned. Full details on how your data will be managed can also be viewed at <https://theeducationalalliance.org.uk/coronavirus-information/>

The DfE have also created a FAQ sheet for parents on the lateral flow testing process and this can be viewed at <https://theeducationalalliance.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Data-Protection-COVID-Testing-FAQs-for-Parents.pdf>

Once you have provided consent for your child, if they are over 13, they should be registered for an NHS login. This will link the details of the test they take to Test and Trace services. You can register this on behalf of your child, or they can register for this themselves. Registration requires an email address, mobile phone number and password to be created (this will need to be memorable for your child as they need to input it on the day of the test).

<https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/register-kit>

Test Subjects will need to provide the following details (it is important that your child is able to answer these):

- Name
- Gender
- Date of birth
- Ethnic group
- Details of recent travel to work or place of education

Test Subjects will need to provide the following details:

- Contact email
- Contact mobile phone number
- Home address (including postcode)

You will receive further detailed information about days and times of testing from us before the end of term.

The test is processed on site by a test processor and takes less than 30 minutes. If the result is positive, you will be informed and the result will be recorded on the NHS test and trace register. Your household will need to enter household isolation and await instructions from NHS test and trace regarding the duration of this and to ascertain any other close contacts (outside of your household) that your child may have had.

There is no expectation that students who are currently testing at home continue to test over the summer break, unless they wish to do so. We will continue to provide home testing kits from September in line with Government guidance.

Yours faithfully



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