

Letter to parents of pupils in Years 7&8

1st March 2021

Dear Parents,

Lateral Flow Testing

The government continues to roll out the lateral flow device testing regime. We have been using this at school very successfully since the start of January to test the small number of staff and students who have been attending school as part of the scheme for vulnerable children and children of key workers.

The government intends to scale this up in the following way:

- All students will have three lateral flow tests in school and in quick succession from Monday 8th March
- All students will then carry on being tested with home testing kits very similar to the ones used in school. We will support boarders with this in their 'homes' at school
- All staff will be tested twice a week using home testing kits.

As previously stated, this is big logistical exercise and will require the school to run a 'turnaround day' on Monday 8th March.

All students who are coming back to school will need to come in on Monday 8th March for their first lateral flow device test.

If your child is a day pupil then please **see the attached letter (and user guide)** which explains next steps.

Please note: **YOU MUST BOOK A TESTING SLOT** as per the instructions in the letter.

You are welcome to book at any time which is convenient to you but we encourage local day pupils to come in the morning and returning boarders late afternoon/evening.

UK based boarders DO NOT need to book a testing slot. They are booked in already between 3pm and 4pm on Monday 8th March.

If your child is an overseas boarders not in a 'red listed' country and overseas boarders who are in a 'red listed' country but are UK passport holders then Mrs Wells will communicate with you.

The second and third tests will take place in school (as per the guidance). We will manage this so as to minimise disruption to school life.

If you have any queries, please contact the School Office.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Coleman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Coleman
Deputy Headmaster