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Wednesday 25th August 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: IMPORTANT - Covid 19 - Home testing

Further to my letter earlier this week I write with a final reminder of requirements for home testing prior to students return to school in September. The Local Authority and Local Public Health Officials have approved that students in Year 8 and above can continue with Home testing, rather than needing to attend onsite testing prior to their return.

Uptake for initial onsite testing and the subsequent at home testing was superb and I thank ALL families for their ongoing support of the school by continuing with this testing. It is vital, for the safety of all staff and students, that we continue with twice weekly at home testing until the Government reviews this approach at the end of September.

We will continue with the Wednesday and Sunday routine of testing. All test results must be recorded at www.TestRegister.co.uk and the Government website.

With this routine in mind, I ask for your continued support with home testing and request that you ensure test results are recorded on the following dates before returning to school:

Years 8, 9 & 10 - Wednesday 1st September and Sunday 5th September.

Year 11 - Sunday 29th August and Wednesday 1st September.

Regular twice weekly testing must then continue every Wednesday and Sunday throughout September until this approach is reviewed by the Government.

If you require additional test kits, you can obtain them in the community, or by visiting here: <u>Getting tested - If you don't have symptoms</u> Students will be issued with additional test kits in school on their return.

If you are unable to test at home, you can arrange to have an on site test. Please contact the School to discuss this.

Students displaying symptoms of Coronavirus or testing positive MUST NOT attend school. Please continue to follow the Government advice and book a test.

Students starting in Year 7 will be attending school for their first on site test on Thursday 2nd September. Once they are familiar with the testing process, Year 7 students will also be testing twice a week throughout September.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support in this matter. Your continued support means the school can operate in the safest possible way for all students.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Norris Headteacher