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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for completing the form for your child to take part in Lateral Flow Testing. To allow us to have a smooth return to the classroom and to maximise time spent in face to face teaching, the government have said that we are able to complete some testing prior to the 8th March return date. Due to the significant numbers that have taken up the offer of testing, we are going to begin our testing process on Wednesday 3rd March so that all year groups can return to face to face lessons on Monday 8th March.

Please see the information below regarding testing days, times will be confirmed next week via text message. Pupils will receive a timeslot and should arrive at the Sports' Hall at their allocated time. Please be aware that it might be necessary for pupils to queue outside so they should be dressed appropriately. Due to social distancing and hygiene guidance, parents are not able to accompany pupils into the testing area.

- Year 12 and 13 - Wednesday 3rd March 2021
- Year 11 - Wednesday 3rd March 2021
- Year 10 - Thursday 4th March 2021
- Year 9 - Thursday 4th March 2021
- Year 8 - Friday 5th March 2021
- Year 7 - Friday 5th March 2021

To support the smooth running of the day, it is important that pupils attend at the time given in the text that will be sent next week. Pupils must bring a face mask (unless they are exempt) to wear whilst waiting for their test.

It is essential that pupils travel to and from the academy in a safe way and follow social distancing guidance. This means that if they are travelling on public transport they must wear face coverings. Pupils must not share a lift in a car with anybody who is not in their household or support bubble. Pupils only need to attend for their lateral flow test and should return home immediately after the test. If the test is positive, we will contact parents/carers to let you know. We will not send details of negative test results. **Please do not allow your child to attend if they are showing any symptoms of coronavirus:**

The remaining two tests will be carried out during school time, at intervals of 3-5 days. Pupils should attend school as normal and will be given a timeslot on the day of their test to let them know when the test will take place. Following this, pupils will be given home test kits. We ask that parents/carers let the academy know of any positive home tests by contacting the attendance team on the first day of absence.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to all pupils returning for face to face lessons.

Yours faithfully



Mr G Panayiotou
Headteacher

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Mrs D Cook
Associate Headteacher

