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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Department for Education announced this week that it would like all schools to offer on-site lateral flow test as pupils return to school in January. This is an additional measure to slow the spread of any potential new variant following increased household mixing over the Christmas period. To facilitate this, the academy is conducting on-site lateral flow testing for all pupils on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**. This means that the start of term will be delayed for all pupils until **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

I recognise that many of you are regularly testing using at home tests kits and we encourage those who are, to continue do so. The on-site testing is an additional measure for those who would like the test to be conducted in a more formal setting or who do not usually test at home. At home test kits will still be distributed as normal. If you would like your child to collect additional at home lateral flow test kits, please put a note in their planner.

As with all testing, any pupils who test positive using lateral flow should isolate and book a PCR test. Those who test negative, or who have not tested can return to school on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

If you would like your child to take part in on-site testing on Tuesday 4th January, please complete the form below by Friday 10th December 2021. The academy will collate the responses and send a timeslot out in the last week of term.

<https://forms.office.com/r/mvBhUt4H0T>

Pupils in all Year groups should aim to follow their normal timetable at home on Tuesday 4th January and access the learning resources and remote lesson links available on **Show My Homework**. Additional work can be found on the remote learning section on the academy website, this can be found under the curriculum menu and is broken down by year group.

As you will be aware, the government are keeping all of their coronavirus measures under constant review, I will contact you if we receive any further updates before the end of term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr Bush
Headteacher



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