



Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you may be aware, COVID-19 cases are rising across the city, particularly in younger age groups. As a result, the local authority has recommended that schools begin Mass Testing to try and help control the spread of the virus.

With this in mind, we have been advised to implement our Mass Testing program from week beginning **Monday 28th June**. We, as a school, have passed the quality assurance visits needed for testing to take place and external Healthcare staff will be on-site during the testing to support the process.

All children aged between 11 and 18 years old, where the appropriate recorded consent is provided, are eligible for the test. This test involves taking a swab from the back of the throat / nose. This process isn't harmful and is the same test that was undertaken on the return to school in March 2021. In most cases, the test will be self-administered, but trained Healthcare personnel will be on hand to support where needed.

We ask that you and your child discuss this to see if it is something you would like to participate in. If consent* is given, pupils will be tested at least twice weekly for Covid-19. This will continue for the remainder of the term. The results will then be fed into NHS Track and Trace. Individual results will also be held by the school and you will **only** be contacted in the event of a positive result.

Anyone who tests positive, using either a lateral flow test or an existing swab test, must immediately self-isolate for 10 days along with their household. Those who test negative will need to continue to follow all national guidance.

If you require any additional information about how any data generated from Mass Testing will be used, please see the Privacy Notice on the school website.

With this in mind, can I please ask that you all complete the Consent Form, found via the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3HjQXPSX4UWCXLMFZ8Zd348uBT0rfH1BogToGxS6pzdUN1MzTzIIS0hYQ1FZSEJMSDk1WDZHNfJRWS4u>

This needs to be completed by **7am Monday 28th June**. It is essential that this is filled out for every pupil in the school, even if you do not wish for your child to be tested.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Gidman.

*Further information regarding consent can be found at the [NHS website](#) and also at the [CQC website](#)

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