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23 July 2021

TO PARENTS/CARERS OF ALL PUPILS

Dear Parent/Carer

**COVID Testing - arrangements for the Summer Holiday and the Autumn Term**

There is no need for pupils to test during the Summer Holiday. Year 6 pupils attending Summer School/Bikeability Training as they transition to Year 7 do not need to be tested. If pupils wish to continue testing, test kits can be accessed by visiting a local pharmacy or through gov.uk. We ask parents/carers to inform us of their child's test results conducted this week and then resume this process w/b 6 September 2021. A form will be emailed to you on Saturday 4 September 2021 to enable you to log your test results with us.

Pupils in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 in 2021-22 are asked to start/resume twice weekly testing at home from the beginning of the Autumn Term - we have asked that both pupils and staff carry out a self-test at home on either the night or morning before they return to school.

Pupils in Year 7 will be offered two Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests on-site, three days apart at the beginning of the Autumn Term in our Asymptomatic Test Site (ATS). This will give new pupils the opportunity to get used to self-swabbing in a supervised environment before moving to twice weekly testing at home. Parents/carers of Year 7 September 2021 will be sent a separate communication with the specific arrangements for the on-site testing in our ATS.

Testing is voluntary. However, we would like to encourage everyone to join in the asymptomatic testing programme to help break transmission links by identifying those who may be carrying the virus unknowingly.

Yours sincerely

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