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TO PARENTS/CARERS OF PUPILS IN YEAR 6 JOINING CAMS HILL SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

COVID-19 On-Site Testing for Year 7 Pupils (Lateral Flow Device) Autumn Term

Government Guidance published this term asks that pupils are offered the opportunity to be tested twice at school in our Asymptomatic Test Site (ATS). Once Year 7 pupils have had the two on-site tests, giving them the opportunity to get used to self-swabbing in a supervised environment, they will be provided with a self-test kit for regular testing at home.

Up to one third of people who have coronavirus are asymptomatic. By testing, we will help to reduce the spread within our school community through asymptomatic transmission. Whilst testing remains voluntary, we strongly encourage those in school to be tested when invited to do so.

The Testing Timetable

For many pupils this will be their first COVID test and the school recognises that pupils will need to be supported and encouraged to **self-swab** effectively. Year 7 pupils are asked to come into school as detailed below. **Pupils must not eat or drink for up to 30 minutes ahead of the test.**

Test Day 1 of 2 – Friday 3 September 2021 (INSET Day)

7C1	7C2	7C3	7C4	7C5	7H1	7H2	7H3	7H4	7H5
1150	1210	1230	1250	1310	1330	1350	1410	1430	1450

Pupils will come into school with the rest of their tutor group at their allocated time and will leave the school site as soon as they have had their test. Pupils will be directed to the Dance Studio on arrival – we ask that parents/carers remain in their cars if bringing their children to school for their test. Pupils do not need to wear school uniform.

Test Day 2 of 2 – Monday 6 September 2021 (First day of term for Year 7 pupils only)

7C1	7C2	7C3	7C4	7C5	7H1	7H2	Break	7H3	7H4	7H5
0830	0850	0910	0930	0950	1010	1030		1150	1210	1230

Pupils will need to come to school in **full school PE Kit** on this first day of term owing to the outdoor team building activities planned for the day. We also ask that pupils bring a full bottle of water, a hat and apply sunscreen in the event it is a warm, sunny day. Pupils will be taken to the ATS as per the timings detailed above and return to their activity as soon as they have had their test.

How the Tests Work

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained school staff and trained volunteers. The lateral flow device (LFD) tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of either the nose or the nose and throat (depending on the LFD device used). Pupils will **self-swab** with verbal guidance from staff working in the centre. [Click here to see a video on self-swabbing.](#)

The school will inform the pupil and their parent/carer of a positive test result only

If aged 13 and over, the pupil can create an NHS 'Lite Registration' account which is the digital solution for matching Test Subjects to their LFD (Lateral Flow Device) result. With this account, the pupil will receive a text notification of a positive or negative result from the online NHS system. Pupils will be provided with details on how to create an account when they come to the centre for their test. Test Subjects aged 12 and under should not create an NHS account.

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What if my child tests positive?

If a pupil tests positive on a lateral flow device, they will be informed immediately by the school and isolated from others. Parents/carers will be notified so that immediate collection of their child from the school can be organised. The pupil will need to take a further 'PCR test' to confirm the result. This should be on the same day or as soon as possible afterwards and is the responsibility of the parents or carers to organise.

During the time whilst waiting for the PCR result (which will be sent via text/email) the pupil will need to self-isolate at home along with anyone who lives with them and anyone in their support bubble in accordance with current national and local guidance which can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

If the PCR test returns a positive result the pupil will have to continue to self-isolate at home and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

What happens if the test is negative?

Whilst a small number of pupils may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void, pupils who test negative will be able to stay in school and resume their activities as normal. The school will not notify pupils, parents or carers of a negative test result. If the pupil has signed up to the NHS Lite Registration online service, pupils will be informed of a negative test result via this service in a text/email. Where participants are under 16, parents or carers will also be informed.

What if pupils have been in close contact with someone in school who tests positive?

Education and Childcare settings are no longer expected to conduct routine contact tracing; instead, the NHS Test and Trace will work with either the positive case or, in the case of children, the parents/carers of the positive case to identify close contacts. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch with these close contacts and provide appropriate instructions or advice.

What if my child develops symptoms?

This testing programme at school is for people with **no symptoms**. If your child develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature, a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate and book a PCR test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

Parent/carer consent for on-site LFD Testing

Following this letter, you will be sent a consent form with a link to follow for its completion – we ask that parents/carers complete the form and submit by **midday on 31 August 2021**.

Thank you for taking the time to read this lengthy communication. Please be assured that we will support pupils throughout the testing process recognising that this is a very big step and may feel unsettling for pupils and parents/carers alike. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions using office@camshill.com.

Your sincerely

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