

Tuesday, December 14, 2021



**Re: January 2022 Covid-19 in school testing.**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been notified by the DfE that we must offer all students one test in school at the beginning of January, following the Christmas break.

**Timings:**

Students will therefore be tested in school on Tuesday 4 January 2022, using a tutor-group based appointment system. They should enter the school through the student entrance, at the time allocated for their tutor group, where they will be directed to the test site in the school gym:

<b>TUESDAY 4 JANUARY</b>	
<b>TIME</b>	<b>GROUP</b>
8.00	11R1/R2
8.20	11R3/R4
8.40	11R5/R6
9.00	11R7/8/9
9.20	7R1/R2
9.40	7R3/R4
10.00	7R5/R6/R7
10.20	8R1/R2
10.40	8R3/R4
11.00	8R5/R6/R7
<b>BREAK</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
1.00	9R1/R2
1.20	9R3/R4
1.40	9R5/R6
2.00	9R7
2.20	10R1/R2
2.40	10R3/R4
3.00	10R5/R6
3.20	10R7

Students will be on-site for approximately one hour whilst they are registered and tested and they will then return home. They do not need to wear school uniform but will need to be wearing a mask.

**Consent:**

If consent was provided for a previous series of on-site testing then we do not require consent to be provided again.



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If you wish to withdraw consent, please let us know via email to [adunn@hgsc.co.uk](mailto:adunn@hgsc.co.uk).

If you have not provided consent before and would like your child to take part in testing on site in January, please complete the Microsoft form on the school website or click this link. <https://forms.office.com/r/bWT6nEm3Hc>

You should be aware that testing is not mandatory and your child will only be included in the testing programme if consent is provided. Before providing consent, please read the Privacy Notice, found on the school website.

### **Positive result:**

If a student receives a positive result from the LFD test, parents will be informed and the student will be required to isolate and needs to book a confirmatory PCR test.

If the PCR test confirms a positive result then the student should continue to self-isolate in line with the latest public health guidance.

If the PCR test returns a negative result then the student may return to school on Wednesday 5 January 2022 unless they have symptoms or have been told to isolate for any other reason.

### **LFD home testing:**

If a student does not attend school for testing on Tuesday 4 January, we would ask that they complete a home LFD test that evening before returning to school on Wednesday 5 January.

Once in school testing is completed, students should continue to test twice weekly using the boxed LFD testing kits which are available from school.

If, at any point, a student begins displaying Covid symptoms, they must follow the latest government guidance.

### **School will open for all year groups as normal on Wednesday 5 January 2022**

We wish you all a restful and peaceful holiday and look forward to seeing everyone again in January.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K. Reynolds

Deputy Headteacher