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Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Lateral Flow Testing - September

I am writing to you to provide you with more details regarding the September mass testing for asymptomatic cases of Covid-19 for students within school.

If you would like your child to take part in this and have not yet had the opportunity to register your consent, please use the link below.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FQwRfuQAF0eCEfeLYA6iFN_Ph2sd8bxFII GP2W8OmxhUMzRJWUDU4NEJYUjcwTIQ5QUFWUDdINVEzMC4u



This is a voluntary consent; it is not mandatory to participate. If you choose not to consent, then your child will not be tested and can attend school as planned. Full details on how your data will be managed can also be viewed at <https://theeducationalliance.org.uk/coronavirus-information/>

The DfE have also created a FAQ sheet for parents on the lateral flow testing process and this can be viewed at <https://theeducationalliance.org.uk/coronavirus-information/>

Once you have provided consent for your child, if they are over 13, they should be registered for an NHS login. This will link the details of the test they take to Test and Trace services. You can register this on behalf of your child, or they can register for this themselves. Registration requires an email address, mobile phone number and password to be created (this will need to be memorable for your child as they need to input it on the day of the test).

<https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/register-kit>

Test Subjects will need to provide the following details (it is important that your child is able to answer these).

- Name
- Gender

- Date of birth
- Ethnic group
- Details of recent travel to work or place of education

Test Subjects will need to provide the following details:

- Contact email
- Contact mobile phone number
- Home address (including postcode)

Additional information on how to register the test can be found in the attached leaflet.

Booking a Test

Year 7 and 12 students are invited to book their first test on Friday 3 September
Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 students are invited to book their test on Tuesday 7 September

Appointments can be booked online using the booking system at:

www.parents-booking.co.uk/driffieldschool

The booking system is now live to make bookings at will close on Thursday 2 September. Full booking details are provided on the attached information sheet.

Arrangements on test day

Students should arrive via the main school entrance a few minutes before their allotted appointment time and make their way to the old sports centre, following the clear on-site signage. Staff will be on hand to ensure students new to the school know exactly where to go. If you are bringing your child to school for the test, please park in the visitor car park and remain in your car whilst your child attends the old sports centre.

On arrival to the test centre, students will be welcomed by a member of staff and will be directed to the registration table. They will receive clear instructions on how to administer the test. The testing process takes approximately 5 minutes; once this is complete, your child will be able to leave through the clearly marked exit. Test results take approximately 30 minutes and students will be informed of their result via the email or mobile number (used to register their test on the NHS website).

If your child receives a negative test result, they will be able to return to school on their calendared start day, Tuesday 7 September for Year 7 and 12 students and Wednesday 8 September of all other year groups. Appointment dates and times for their second and third lateral flow tests will be given directly to students once they are fully back in school.

If your child receives a positive test result, they will need to self-isolate for ten days and will be required to book a confirmatory PCR test within 48 hours. During this time, they will be able to access their learning through Microsoft Teams if they feel well enough.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this process or are struggling to make a suitable appointment, please do not hesitate to contact us via Office@driffieldschool.org.uk

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours faithfully,



Debbie Dalton
Deputy Headteacher