



20th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Arrangements for September 2021

The Government have asked all schools to conduct two Coronavirus Lateral Flow Tests with students in school when they return in September. These tests are to be taken three to five days apart. The guidance suggests schools stagger the return to school so that the first lateral flow test can be taken prior to students mixing with other students in school.

The schedule for testing and returning to school is shown below:

Date	Activity
Monday 6 th September	Years 7 and 11 visit school by appointment to conduct their first lateral flow test
Tuesday 7 th September	Years 7 and 11 start the academic year Years 8, 9 and 10 visit the school by appointment to conduct their first lateral flow test
Wednesday 8 th September	Years 8, 9 and 10 start the academic year Years 7 and 11 remain in school
Friday 10 th September	All year groups complete their second lateral flow test during the school day

The appointments for first lateral flow tests will need to be made via the same system used for booking parents evening appointments. We will operate six testing bays and appointments will be scheduled every four minutes throughout the day. A link to the booking system will be sent by text on the last day of term and the system will remain open throughout the summer holiday. The booking of a testing appointment will be taken as your permission for testing to take place. On arrival for appointments students should report to the main gate at the side of the village hall, parents will be asked to wait outside.

The school is changing to an alternative provider for our cashless catering; this requires all staff and students to rescan their fingers. To make efficient use of time, scanning will take place at the appointment for the first lateral flow test. As with the current system anyone not wishing to use the finger scanners will be issued with a four digit code, these students just need to state this preference when they reach the appropriate desk.

When we return in September we currently expect masks to be completely optional in all parts of the school and year group bubbles will no longer be a requirement. However I will write to you again should Government guidance change prior to the school reopening.

Thank you for your continued support, have a great summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N. K. Willingham
Headteacher