



20 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for all your support this year. While it has been a very difficult year, the students, staff and yourselves have all worked together to support and educate our students to the very best of their ability.

Despite all the challenges, the school has continued to make progress as the Ofsted monitoring visit of the 29th and 30th June testified. As soon as we are able to release the letter, I will do. Yet again, the students were amazing and really showed themselves at their very best.

As we look ahead to September when the Covid-19 situation will hopefully be better, I wanted to give you a few details to aid your planning. As you have no doubt heard, the DFE is requiring schools to give returning students two onsite lateral flow tests at the start of term in September, 3 to 5 days apart. One will be **before** they return to school and one 3-5 days later, once they have started. Our testing model is outlined below:

Thursday 2nd September	Year 7 testing
Friday 3rd September	Years 10 and 11 testing and Year 7 in school
Monday 6th September	Years 8 and 9 testing and Years 7, 10 and 11 in school
Tuesday 7th September	Year 7 second test, all year groups in school
Wednesday 8th September	Years 10 and 11 second test, all year groups in school
Thursday 9th September	Years 8 and 9 second test, all year groups in school

Further details will follow on the 1st September. Students just coming in for testing will not need to wear school uniform and, like in March, will be given a specific entrance and exit point and a time slot for testing. There is no need to fill in a new permission slip. As previously, this testing is not compulsory but we would greatly appreciate your support to get as many students tested as possible so that we can all remain safe on our return to school.

Thank you all again.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy summer holiday.

Best wishes,

MR. W. THOMPSON
Principal

