

To: All Parent/Carers of Students in Year 7 to Year 13

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Dear Parent/Carers

## RE: Lateral Flow Testing Consent

We write to you following the recent announcements made by the government regarding the return to schools in January, following the Christmas break. The Department for Education (DfE) have again tasked all secondary schools with completing mass testing for asymptomatic cases of Covid-19 before students return to classrooms.

The new Lateral Flow Tests which we have received from the NHS are now quicker and easier to complete, giving a result in less than 30 minutes. Based on the guidance issued by the DfE, we are therefore being asked to test all students once upon their return in January.

We would like to reassure all parents and carers that we will diligently follow all guidance which has been shared via the DfE, and all of our staff members involved in the testing will complete DfE training and will be certified as competent. The NHS have provided appropriate risk assessments, which have been amended to the needs of South Hunsley School these and are available on The Education Alliance website here:

<https://theeducationalliance.org.uk/coronavirus-information/>.

In order to support the safe return of all students we would ask that you complete the consent form for your child to be part of the mass testing. The form can be completed by scanning the QR code below. To allow us to begin to make the appropriate arrangements we would ask that you do this by **Wednesday 15 December 2021**:



**Please note that 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 be viewed here: <https://theeducationalliance.org.uk/coronavirus-information/>.

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

**Once you have provided consent for your child, if they are over 13, they should be registered with an NHS login, if you have not done so already.** This will link the details of the tests students take to the national Test and Trace service. You can register on behalf of your child, or they can register themselves. Registration requires an email address, mobile phone number and password to be created. The password should be easily memorable for your child as they will need to input it on the day of the test. The link to register is here: <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/register-kit>

Test Subjects will need to provide the following details so we would ask that you check 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 also need to provide the following details:

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

We will share further detailed information about the days and times of testing before the end of term.

The test is processed on site by a test processor and will take less than 30 minutes. If the result is positive, you will be informed and the result will be recorded on the NHS test and trace register. You will then be given instructions from NHS test and trace regarding the need for household members to isolate or submit for PCR testing.

There is no expectation that students who are currently testing at home continue to do so over the winter break, although you or they may wish to do so. We will continue to provide home testing kits in line with government guidance.

Yours faithfully



Barry Gray  
**Deputy Headteacher**