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Dear Parent / Carer

### **Plan for testing and a safe return to school**

As you are aware, week commencing 8 March there will be a phased return to school. In order to have a safe return to education, all students must be offered a COVID-19 test. Consent must be given by parents/carers for this to take place.

Those students that have been given consent cannot enter the school building until they have had their first negative test.

Further information regarding your child's return to school will be sent out via their Year office next week.

You will be sent an appointment for your child to attend school to have their first test. After the test students will be asked to wait in the Sports Hall for the result of the test which takes 30 minutes. If the test is negative they will be able to go to their bubble for lessons.

Students will be offered a further two tests before the Easter holidays. This will be managed within the normal school hours

Students should not access the school site before their appointment time.

### **Consent**

For your child to participate in the test you are requested to consent using the link below by Monday 1 March 2021. This will allow us to plan for the testing of students upon their return to school.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=sjVTvSU\\_-EG2K3MIU2WGPYyNil\\_3dlhBg7FYTuFR4oVURE1XODZaU0VCMEtMTEFVWFozOVUwNjhHRS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=sjVTvSU_-EG2K3MIU2WGPYyNil_3dlhBg7FYTuFR4oVURE1XODZaU0VCMEtMTEFVWFozOVUwNjhHRS4u).

If you require a paper copy please email [office@neale-wade.org](mailto:office@neale-wade.org).

**Please note** – even if you have previously given consent for your child to be tested, you are required to do so again

**We will not be able to test your child if this is not completed**

### **Where to go for the test**

Please access the site through the side entrance of the Sports Hall following the signs to the Covid Testing Area. You will be asked to queue according to social distancing rules and to only arrive at the Academy no more than 5 minutes before your appointment time. If you arrive before this time you may be asked to leave the site until your appointment time to keep queues to a minimum.

### **How the tests work**

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose and throat. The Neale Wade Academy will inform the student of a positive test result and also call parents to collect. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also receive a text notification of a positive or negative result from the online NHS system. You do not need to register as the school will register your child's information for you, you will receive an information card with the unique test barcode for reference.

### **What if my child tests positive?**

If a pupil tests positive on a lateral flow device, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

### **What happens if the test is negative?**

Pupils who test negative will be able to resume their activities as normal. Pupils will be informed of negative test results via text/email. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be informed.

### **What if staff or students have been in close contact with someone in who tests positive?**

The staff member or student will be notified that they are a close contact by the school and will need to self-isolate for 10 days in line with Government guidance.

### **What if my child develops symptoms?**

This testing programme is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

We will support our students throughout, but please contact the Academy if you have any questions on 01354 606000.

Yours faithfully

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