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2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### COVID-19 LATERAL FLOW TESTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEARS 7, 8 & 9

Following the Head Teacher's letter last week I am writing to you to confirm details of the testing arrangements to allow Key Stage Three students to return to school safely. Please read the entire contents carefully.

Students in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 will be able to come to school next week. They will be able to attend classes following a **negative** Covid-19 test. Students will arrive at school, be tested and then be taken to classes when negative test results are back (after approximately 30 minutes).

We have many students to test so to spread the load and maintain safety please we would like to stagger the arrival time during the morning.

- If your child normally catches a bus in, they should arrive at the normal time.
- If your child does **not** catch a bus we would be grateful if they could arrive between 10.00 and 10.30. We appreciate that this will not be possible in all cases and in that case please arrange for them to arrive at the normal time.
- Students should enter school on their first day back through the (rear) Rednock Drive gate.

Year Group	Arrival Time
Year 7 on buses	Monday 8th March - normal start time
Year 7 walking in	Monday 8th March - between 10.00 and 10.30 if possible
Year 8 on buses	Tuesday 9th March - normal start time
Year 8 walking in	Tuesday 9th March - between 10.00 and 10.30 if possible
Year 9 on buses	Wednesday 10th March - normal start time
Year 9 walking in	Wednesday 10th March - between 10.00 and 10.30 if possible

We will manage the registration with the NHS test and trace system using the information we already hold; all you need to do is give [consent here](#) and arrange for your children to arrive at school at the appropriate time.

Please note that the confirmation of test results will go to the student's school email address, but we will also make contact with parents/carers in the event of any positive results. We will need everyone to go through the consent process even if you have done this previously, as the system has changed recently.

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This is an asymptomatic testing service, so please do not come in for testing if you are showing any coronavirus symptoms which are:

- A new persistent cough.
- A high temperature.
- Any change of loss in your sense of taste or smell.

**Students should not come in for a test if they are in a self-isolation period as advised by NHS test and trace and do not need to be tested if they have had a positive Covid-19 test result in the last 90 days.**

Students will need to wear masks and maintain social distancing when moving around the school. When testing is completed students will be asked to wait for 30 minutes and then, provided the result is not positive, students will be able to be escorted to lessons.

The arrangements for the subsequent two tests will be communicated in school to students, directly. We have a good deal of experience running our testing service, but we do appreciate that some students may be anxious. To help with this we have made a video of what to expect which you can [see here](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing students back in school very soon.

Yours sincerely



**Mr S White**  
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