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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme. Please continue to encourage your child to test twice weekly and report any positive results until the end of the summer term.

The asymptomatic testing programme is being paused for KS3 pupils over the summer holidays.

If you or your child wish to access rapid lateral flow testing, you can continue to do so by ordering Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits from GOV.UK or by collecting kits from your local pharmacy.

We are unsure about the Covid situation we will face in the autumn, so we want to be prepared for all scenarios. Public health advice is that testing will restart on return in the autumn. Schools have been instructed to administer two tests on-site before pupils continuing regular testing at home. To ensure all KS3 pupils are safe to return to school, and to facilitate the Lateral Flow Testing, it has been necessary to have a phased return to the autumn term for your child.

The LFD test device kits we have received for the on-site testing for the autumn will be different to what your child is used to. The new Orient Gene LFDs require a **nasal swab only** and return a result in 15 minutes.

If you consent, (terms of consent attached), for your child to be tested you are required to make an appointment for your child's LFD test for Thursday 2nd September, for between 1:00pm to 3:15pm, using the below link to our booking system. The booking system is now live and we would suggest this is booked as soon as possible to ensure you get your chosen time slot.

<https://ryecroft.schoolcloud.co.uk/clubsevents/admin/events/106494>

As soon as the test has been conducted, your child must return home. Parents will be notified of positive results only. If we do not contact you, then your child will be expected to return to school for normal lessons on Friday 3rd September 2021.

Our preference is for all KS3 pupils to receive their first on-site test on Thursday 2nd September. However, if due to transportation reasons your child is unable to come into school for testing on this date, we can, and only if we are notified, offer the test on Friday. It is important to note that this is on the understanding that your child will remain in isolation until the test result is known. If positive, parents must be contactable and have arrangements in place to immediately collect their child from school.

This is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. We recognise, however, the need to minimise any disruption to education and to continue to support your child's mental wellbeing. The government will continue to review the future need for testing in light of any changes to the public health situation.

Yours sincerely

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