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Summer and autumn testing arrangements

Dear Parents and Carers

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

The asymptomatic testing programme is being paused for students in those secondary schools and colleges that will be closed over the summer holidays. Therefore, our students will not be required to test regularly whilst away on their summer break.

However, if you or your child would prefer to continue testing and wish to access rapid lateral flow tests over the summer holiday, you can do so by ordering LFD test kits from GOV.UK or by collecting kits from your local pharmacy.

At the current time, there is uncertainty about how the Covid situation will be in the autumn term, so we have been asked by the government to be prepared for all scenarios. Subject to public health advice, in-school supervised lateral flow testing may restart at the beginning of the autumn term. If it does, we are expected to offer your child **two** tests on-site before they continue with regular testing at home.

In light of this, we have arranged to start testing our students from 1st September 2021. You will be sent an appointment time in due course however, we would like to provide you with early notification of our approximate schedule:

- On Wednesday 1st September 2021, our first appointments will be for students in years 13 and 12 and our later appointments will be for students in year 11.

Students whose LFT result is negative will be expected to return to school for 8.35am on Friday 3 September 2021.

- On Thursday 2nd September 2021, our first appointments will be for students in year 10 and our later appointments will be for students in year 7.

Students whose LFT result is negative will also be expected to return to school for 8.35am on Friday 3 September 2021.

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- On Friday 3rd September 2021, our first appointments will be for students in year 8 and our later appointments will be for students in year 9.

Students in years 8 and 9 will only be in school on Friday 3rd September for their scheduled appointment and will return to school, assuming that their LFT result is negative, for 8.35am on Monday 6th September 2021.

We intend to confirm the specific testing schedule for each year group next week but are bringing this to your attention now so that you are able to plan for the potential need for your child to be tested on site prior to attending school in September.

If your child is transitioning to new educational settings, they should start testing on arrival at their new setting in the autumn term.

We know that testing is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and to support the continuation of face-to-face education. We wish to minimise any disruption to education at the beginning of next term and ask for your cooperation with this matter. The government will continue to review the need for testing in light of any changes to the public health situation over the summer, and if there are any updates to the position described above, we shall notify you accordingly.

As we all continue with lateral flow testing this term and potentially into the autumn term, please remember to report your child's test results, even if their result is negative or void.

Reporting results is easy. Go to [report a COVID-19 lateral flow test result](#) or call 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language.

You should also keep a note of and share your child's results with school through our student reporting google form <http://chenderit.info/student-lft>.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Robi Brenchley rbrenchley@chenderit.net.

I shall write to you again with a precise appointment time next week.

Yours sincerely



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