

14th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Lateral Flow Testing

As I am sure you are aware, we have been tasked with completing mass testing for asymptomatic cases of Covid-19 in students at the beginning of the new year. If we have your consent from this academic year, we do not need to seek it again to continue testing your child at school. If you wish to withdraw your consent, you must inform us so we can update our records before we re-open in January. You can let us know via the info@delacyacademy.org.uk email address. If you wish to renew consent or give consent for the first time, please follow this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/q2bViUhUUu>

We will be testing all students who want to participate from week commencing 04th January, 2022. We will be operating a staggered return during this week to enable us to carry out testing within year groups.

All students will be offered 1 onsite test and you will be provided with further home test kits for continued twice weekly testing. Instructions are provided with the home testing kits.

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The new 'orient gene' tests are quick and easy using a swab of your nose only. There is no throat swabbing involved.

Plan for a staggered start from Tuesday 4th January

	Time	Tuesday
Period 1	8.25 start	Y11
Period 2		
Break		
Period 3	11.00 start	Y7

- Students will return in year groups so we can keep year groups and possible close contacts in the same place.
- Students will come into the main hall and stay supervised there until they are tested. Once results are clear, they will return to lessons.
- If positive, students will be isolated and parents/carers will be called to take them for a PCR test in line with national guidelines.

- Pupils will need to be in uniform – they will follow a normal school day once tested.

Plan for a staggered start from Wednesday 5th January

	Time	Wednesday
Period 1	8.25 start	Y10
Period 2		
Break		
Period 3	11.00 start	Y9

Plan for a staggered start from Thursday 6th January

	Time	Thursday
Period 1	8.25 start	Y8

Please check your testing times carefully and I look forward to seeing you all in January.

Yours faithfully,

C Pritchard

Mr. C Pritchard
Vice Principal