

9th December 2021

RE: Covid testing in January

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware the government, via the Department for Education has issued guidance for Covid-19 testing for our return to school after the Christmas break. We wanted to provide you with an update with what this will mean for our return in January.

Students will be required to visit the academy on Thursday 6th January to complete a Covid-19 test before returning to school on Friday 7th January. Students will be issued a time to attend school for their test, they can expect to be onsite for 15 minutes to complete this test before returning home.

Learning for the day will be posted on teams, please ensure that your child is completing the work set for them by their teachers.

Results will be communicated to all those testing by the end of the day on 6th January, and all students will return to school at the normal time of 8:25am on Friday 7th January.

Testing appointment times

Sports Hall							
08:50	7B	11:20	9B	14:20	11B	15:50	11S
09:10	7R	11:40	9R	14:35	11R	16:05	Y13L
09:30	7I	12:10	9I	14:50	11I	16:20	Y13O
09:50	7D	12:30	9D	15:05	11D		
10:10	7G	12:50	9G	15:20	11G		
10:30	7E	13:10	9E	15:35	11E		
KS3 hall							
08:50	8B	11:20	10B	14:20	Y12B	15:50	Y13Q
09:10	8R	11:40	10R	14:35	Y12L	16:05	Y13U
09:30	8I	12:10	10I	14:50	Y12O		
09:50	8D	12:30	10D	15:05	Y12Q		
10:10	8G	12:50	10G	15:20	Y12U		
10:30	8E	13:10	10E	15:35	Y13B		

Consent

We will only test those students with consent; however we strongly encourage all students to participate in the testing program so that we can continue to keep each other safe. We have successfully completed mass testing already, so do not foresee any issues here.

If our records already indicate that you have provided consent for your child to be tested, we will automatically arrange for your child to be tested on return to school in January. If you have not previously consented to testing for your child and wish to opt into the testing programme, please complete the consent for testing via the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=dBTLADSljUaCn2NuzjLCTKinnypsxypCo2wjdxFJVq5UQONHTVZKRDYwt1BZOTRKEtPUIcwWks5Uy4u>

Twice weekly lateral flow tests

Students are being asked to continue to test twice a week at home and update NHS test and trace with results. We will continue to provide all students with lateral flow test kits, they have been issued with kits for the holidays, and first 2 weeks of the Spring term, please do continue to support your child with taking these tests on a Sunday and Wednesday evening.

We thank you in advance for your support in ensuring that we have a safe and smooth return to the academy. As always if you have any questions regarding the above information, please do make contact via info@isaacnewtonacademy.org.

Yours sincerely,



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Vice Principal