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Dear Parent/Carer

Return to School and Lateral Flow Testing at School on 5th January 2022

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme. Please continue to encourage your child to test twice weekly throughout the Christmas holidays. We have issued additional testing kits but should you require further kits during the school holidays these can be accessed by ordering Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits from GOV.UK or by collecting kits from your local pharmacy.

Subject to any changes, which may be issued during the Christmas Holidays, regarding the current new guidance for Covid-19, the school is required to operate on-site lateral flow testing on **Wednesday 5th January 2022** for pupils in Year 7 and 8, prior to returning to the classroom for the spring term.

Pupils should arrive at school as per normal in their school uniform. On arrival, they will be directed to the main hall where the testing will take place. The testing kits are the Orient Gene LFDs which require a **nasal swab only** and return a result in 15 minutes. All pupils will then proceed to their classroom pending a negative result from the Lateral Flow test. If a result should be positive the pupil will remain in isolation until they are collected. Please note, parents must be contactable and have arrangements in place to immediately collect their child from school should this occur.

For those who have previously given consent for your child(ren) to attend school lateral flow testing, no further consent will be required. **For anyone who hasn't previously given consent for their child(ren) and would like to, please ensure you have read the consent document and have completed the online consent form prior to the date of testing. (Please see our school website <https://www.ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk/covid-19> for these documents 'Lateral Flow Test - Consent Form RMS' and Lateral Flow Test – Privacy Notice RMS')**

If you wish to withdraw consent that was previously granted, please contact office@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk and state your child's name within the email.

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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