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Dear Parents and Carers

Rapid Asymptomatic Testing of Students in September

We are looking forward to welcoming your child into our school community in September. We are working with current Government guidance to ensure a safe start to the school year. As part of the Government’s return to school strategy, we are asked to provide on-site lateral flow tests for all of our students. Here is a link to an instructional leaflet with further information about conducting a lateral flow test:

[https://www.st-wilfrids.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/How to do your test COVID 19 instruction leaflet for schools.pdf](https://www.st-wilfrids.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/How_to_do_your_test_COVID_19_instruction_leaflet_for_schools.pdf)

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy using a swab of the nose and throat. For under 18s, staff can oversee the swab process. Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly to parents/carers via the information provided on your consent form.

The testing will consist of two separate tests in school then twice weekly testing at home until the end of September. Testing is voluntary and we ask that you complete the consent form by 12 noon on Friday 23 July if you would be happy for your child to take part in the testing:

- Consent form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScr9T3PkPZPxo0ZpK566cOH_3rfQn9Net-buRHinOIGc2W-Q/viewform
- Privacy Notice for information: <https://www.st-wilfrids.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Covid-Testing-Privacy-Notice.docx>

Students who have parental consent to take part in the testing should report to school, via the main entrance, at the times listed below on **Monday 6 September**. The testing process takes only a few minutes and children should then return home. Parents are able to accompany their child to school, but should remain in the car park whilst their child briefly enters school for testing.

Surname	Time of day
Surname beginning A to D	9.15am
Surname beginning E to J	9.45am
Surname beginning K to N	10.15am
Surname beginning O to S	11.00am
Surname beginning T to Z	11.30am

School will begin for our Year 7 students on Tuesday 7 September at 8.45am. Their second on-site test will take place during the school day on Thursday 9 September.

Many thanks in advance for your support with this important strategy for a safe start to the school year.

Kind regards

D Ritchie

Mrs Ritchie

Acting Head of School

