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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Arrangements for onsite lateral flow testing of students – January 2022

In line with DfE guidance, all students are to be offered one onsite lateral flow test prior to their return in January. Lateral flow testing is not mandatory, but will be carried out by trained staff and take place in the Theatre. On arrival, students should make their way into school via the service yard (to the left of the front of the building) where clear signage and members of staff will be available. Once tested, students are to leave the school site. Test results will be emailed/texted to a parent or carer using the information held on the school system.

In line with Government guidance, students should not attend for a Lateral Flow Test if they have tested positive on a PCR test within the previous 90 days. If your child will not be attending for their Lateral Flow test for any reason, there is no need to contact the school.

In order to facilitate testing, a staggered return will be in place, with students returning to face-to-face lessons the day after their LFT. Remote lessons will therefore be provided from P1 on Wednesday 5 January. Students will be expected to attend all remote lessons, unless they are attending site for their Lateral Flow Test.

Year 9 students will be tested on **Thursday 6 January 2022**. In order to test the whole year group, students will be asked to arrive at school at staggered times throughout the day. Students should be on site at time shown in the table below:

Year 9	12:15	Surnames	A-B
	12:30	Surnames	C
	12:45	Surnames	D-F
	13:00	Surnames	G-I
	13:30	Surnames	J-L
	13:45	Surnames	M-N
	14:00	Surnames	O-R
	14:15	Surnames	S
	14:30	Surnames	T-Z

Yours sincerely,

Mike Lowdell
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