

20 August 2021

Dear parent/carer

Re: Asymptomatic Lateral Flow Testing

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are looking forward to your child starting back at Newhouse Academy on Monday 6th September 2021.

Following a recent announcement by the Department for Education (DFE), secondary schools are being asked to conduct 2 on-site lateral flow tests (LFT), 3 to 5 days apart, on all students on their return to school in the autumn term.

To enable us to test your child before they start back with us, we are asking Year 11 students to come into school on **Friday 3rd September** to complete an LFT test. This only applies to students whose parents have previously provided consent - students from families who have chosen not to provide consent will still be admitted into school at the planned start time of 8.35am on Monday 6th September.

We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives to school for their LFT test at the following times on Friday 3rd September:

Students in 11L1 and 11L2 to arrive at the student services entrance at 11.10am
Students in 11M1 and 11M2 to arrive at the student services entrance at 11.35am
Students in 11R1 and 11R2 to arrive at the student services entrance at 12 noon
Students in 11T1 and 11T2 to arrive at the student services entrance at 12.25pm

Once tested, students will make their way home. We will contact the parents/carers of any student who might test positive.

Year 11 students will be tested again for a second time on Tuesday 7th September 2021, with all students expected to arrive to school at the normal start time of 8.35am.

If you have any questions about this letter or the testing process in general, please feel free to contact school reception or direct your questions to the school's email address (office@newhouseacademy.co.uk), where someone will contact you in due course. Please also be mindful that Covid vaccines are available locally to students aged 16 or over and will prevent the need for an LFT test before starting school on Monday 6th September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MA'.

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