

20 August 2021

Dear parent/carer

Re: Asymptomatic Lateral Flow Testing

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are as excited as we are about your child starting at Newhouse Academy for the first time on Friday 3rd 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 for the first time, we will need you to complete a parental consent form by 8am on Wednesday 1st September 2021, after which time this consent form will be withdrawn to allow us to finalise numbers and testing arrangements. The consent form can be located on our school website using the link (<https://forms.gle/3J2BZeyLNxHCFbee8>). Alternatively, please [download a copy](#) and return it to the school reception.

Students from families who have chosen not to provide consent will still be admitted into school on Friday 3rd September as planned.

Upon arrival at Newhouse Academy on Friday 3rd September (from 8.20am onwards) students will be met at reception by members of our Year 7 team and will be escorted to and registered on the tennis courts (weather permitting). Once registered, students will be taken to form rooms and those eligible for testing will be brought down in small groups to complete their LFT test under the supervision of an experienced team of testers. We will contact the parents of any student who might test positive.

The second round of testing will take place on the afternoon of Monday 6th September 2021, with all students expected to arrive to school at the normal start time of 8.35am.

There will be no bespoke school transport on Friday 3rd September, meaning that arrangements will need to be made on the Friday only to ensure that your child is able to arrive to and leave school safely and in a timely manner.

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.

Yours sincerely

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

Matt Aspden
Deputy Headteacher