

December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Lateral Flow Testing

The Department for Education has announced that all secondary schools are to (lateral flow) test students, once, on site, on their return to school in January. Testing of students at Newhouse Academy will take place on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

The number of staff required to test all year groups means that we cannot operate a normal school day. We are therefore asking students to work from home on Tuesday 4th January 2022 so that we can manage testing as detailed below. Once tested, students will make their way home to continue online learning. Students do not need to wear school uniform for testing and we will of course inform you should your child test positive. School will resume as normal on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9	
Time	Form Group	Time	Form Group	Time	Form Group
8.20am	7L1 and 7L2	9.40am	8L1 and 8L2	11.20am	9L1 and 9L2
8.40am	7M1 and 7M2	10.00am	8M1 and 8M2	11.40am	9M1 and 9M2
9.00am	7R1 and 7R2	10.20am	8R1 and 8R2	12 noon	9R1 and 9R2
9.20am	7T1 and 7T2	10.40am	8T1 and 8T2	12.20pm	9T1 and 9T2

YEAR 10	
Time	Form Group
1.00pm	10L1 and 10L2
1.20pm	10M1 and 10M2
1.40pm	10R1 and 10R2
2.00pm	10T1 and 10T2

YEAR 11	
Time	Form Group
2.20pm	11L1 and 11L2
2.40pm	11M1 and 11M2
3.00pm	11R1 and 11R2
3.20pm	11T1 and 11T2

If your child has received a positive Covid 19 PCR test result within the 90 days prior to this planned test, i.e. since Wednesday 6th October 2021, they should not be tested. The 90-day period is from the initial onset of symptoms or, if asymptomatic when tested, from the positive test result.

If you have not previously provided consent for your child to have a lateral flow test in school but you would now like to, please follow the link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1s3KCXp8j51NabFdZjmy5rUs9CxvgYcFJXnHmEYDxc/edit> . Please complete this by 3pm on Wednesday 15th December 2021. Students whose families chose not to provide consent should remain at home on Tuesday 4th January 2022 and access work online.

Please make sure that when your child returns home, the test is registered on the NHS website - <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

If you have any further 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), and somebody will contact you in due course.

Yours sincerely



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