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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing with regards for the beginning of term and administration of Lateral Flow Testing and a reminder about the Nasal Flu vaccinations as we begin our preparations for the start of next term.

COVID-19 testing for students January 2022

Schools across the country have again been asked to complete one Lateral Flow test on students when they return in the new year. **The test is entirely voluntary and no-one will be compelled to have the test but we would encourage participation.** The purpose of this testing is to identify any students who may be asymptomatic (showing no symptoms) when school returns.

In order for your child to participate, we need to get a **new consent** for this test (please note that if your child has had COVID-19 within 90 days of the return to school, they should not have the Lateral Flow Test as it is likely that they may return a false positive).

If you are happy for your child to be tested, please complete the appropriate online consent form that you can access by following the link below.

If you have more than one child at school you will need to complete a consent form for each child.

Students under 16, please use this link:

- <https://zfrmz.eu/CJUaz4WHmndt1cpT8GNE>

Students of 16 years or over, please use this link:

- <https://zfrmz.eu/Sz2txeHoO8aMjpgZ2mPW>

Any student attending school who is 16 or over will need to complete their own online consent form. We would encourage you to discuss this carefully with your child when they are making their decision and should



they decide to participate, they should use the link provided in this correspondence so that they can consent.

So that we are best able to plan and accommodate our on-site testing we would be grateful if you could complete the consent form by 3pm on Wednesday 15th December.

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. Once the test has been completed and the data uploaded parents/carers/students over 16 will be notified by text. A pupil will only be told if they test positive. Staff and pupils with a positive test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>. Anyone with a positive Lateral Flow Test will then need to book a free PCR test to confirm whether they have COVID-19.

Whilst awaiting the result of the PCR test, the individual must continue to self-isolate.

Administration of the Nasal Flu Vaccination

We have been advised by the School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) that these will now be taking place on January 20th 2022, instead of December 9th 2021. We have received some forms back, but not as many as last year. Please ensure that the forms are submitted by Wednesday 15th December 2021 so that we can ensure there is enough vaccine at the school.

What should I do if my child is showing symptoms or is ill?

Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#). **Please do not send your child to school if they are showing symptoms associated with COVID-19** (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell), they have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

Anyone who develops [COVID-19 symptoms](#), however mild, will be sent home and directed to follow public health advice.

Absence, symptoms or test results related to Covid-19 should be communicated to us as quickly as possible via COVID@heart-england.co.uk.



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As always, we thank you for ongoing support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

J. Hughes-Williams

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