

Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian

RE: Lateral Flow Testing

I am pleased to be able to report that we have made fantastic progress in getting the Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) up and running in school. We have tested all our staff who are working on site in both primary and secondary phase including all support staff and all secondary students. Those who were tested on Tuesday have had a second test this morning, this is following government guidance to test students twice in the first week if they have been in school for over three days. In total we have conducted 244 tests since Tuesday.

We identified two positive test results using the LFT, one was a student and one a member of staff (secondary phase), all close contacts were identified. In both cases a PCR test was taken and the result for both was positive. We have been using the LFTs to test all identified close contacts. They are tested on arrival at school and they remain in the test waiting area until their test is analysed. Close contacts are tested for seven school days.

When a secondary student joins a class bubble, they will be given a LFT and will wait in the test area reception for the result before joining a class bubble.

Reporting a positive Covid-19 result (primary and secondary phase)

It is very important that we are informed of **any student who has been on site** who tests positive for Covid-19. Please continue to email our Covid email at the following address, covid@ccs.northants.sch.uk if you are reporting a positive case. This will also be monitored at the weekend.

Please provide the following information:

- Name of child:
- Year group:
- Date your child was last in school:
- Date symptoms started:
- Date test result was known:

Please be aware that if your child has developed symptoms, they should not attend school. The LFTs are only for asymptomatic testing, if you have symptoms you should book a PCR test.

If your child is identified as a close contact, then if they are in primary phase, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days. If they are in secondary phase, they can continue to attend school if you consent to them having a LFT every day.

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If your child is involved in home learning please still let us know. We will inform all their teachers as we realise, they may have issues with completing all of their home learning tasks.

Secondary Phase Weekly Testing

We will be starting weekly testing for all staff and students in secondary phase from Monday. This will mean that we are able to identify anyone who may be asymptomatic and further prevent infection. The government plan was only to offer weekly testing for staff, but I spoke to the DfE yesterday and they have confirmed that this could now be done with secondary age students. Students who are being tested will be provided with a bar code which will allow them to register their test with the NHS database, they will do this when they get back to their classroom on the day of their test. The weekly testing will be as follows:

- Monday Year 11
- Tuesday Year 10
- Wednesday Year 9
- Thursday Year 8
- Friday Year 7

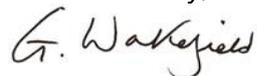
Primary Phase Testing

The government have said that they would consider implementing primary school testing at some stage. As an all through school we are already testing primary staff. If the government confirm that we can offer close contact testing to primary age children, then this is something that we can easily do. **Please remember that no testing is done without parental consent.**

Many of you have sent positive emails regarding the communication that you have received in terms of Covid. Mrs Jewell continues to be our first point of contact and if you do have any questions please email her at vjewell@ccs.northants.sch.uk.

I appreciate that the content of this letter is focused on children who are attending school. I felt it appropriate that you were all informed of the progress that has been made should your child attend at a later stage.

Yours sincerely,



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