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Dear parents and guardians

LFD Testing Centre update – after half term

Firstly, thank you for consenting to your child participating in the LFD (lateral flow device) testing programme which has been taking place in school since mid-January for those students who have been studying in school.

At this moment in time, the government guidance is that *'pupils test twice (3-5 days apart) upon their first return to school. Under the testing policy, pupils and students are not being tested on a weekly basis'*.

Please note, your son/daughter may have had more than two tests to ensure they are tested twice, 3-5 days apart.

The February half term is fast approaching and we hope it will give the children some well-deserved time to rest and recuperate. Understandably students will be spending more time with families and friends (lockdown restrictions and government guidelines permitting), so with this in mind and to help reduce transmission of the virus, we will carry out two further tests on their return, week commencing Monday 22nd February 2021.

I have attached a frequently asked questions document and would like to draw your attention to one particular point:

What are the objectives of the Government's asymptomatic testing strategy in education settings?

The Government's asymptomatic testing strategy will help to break the chains of transmission of coronavirus in education settings. The asymptomatic testing programme in secondary schools and colleges for staff, pupils and students, will help to identify asymptomatic positive cases. Those who test positive will then self-isolate, helping to reduce transmission of the virus and keeping other pupils and students in face-to-face education.

This is a new technology to identify individuals who don't have any symptoms, but who may be asymptomatic carriers and therefore could still spread the virus to others.

If you would like for your child to be tested and haven't had the opportunity to register consent, then please do so here:

[\[CLICK HERE for the link to online consent and registration form\]](#)

If you do have any questions with regards to the testing programme or the operation of the testing centre, please contact rkirk@nationalacademy.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Vision: 'Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)



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