

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is just a reminder email about carrying out four LFD tests starting today (Wednesday 25th August) before your child(ren) starts with us on Monday 6th September.

As you know the Government has asked schools to set up test centres and complete two LFD tests with students (one of which needs to be completed before students start school on 6th). Their rationale is that they (and we) know that these tests have been completed. However we know that you have supported us with completing these LFD tests at home as our google form every Wednesday and Sunday evening went up by approximately 2,000 submissions (including staff).

It is our belief (knowing your support) that these can be completed successfully at home in order that staff at school can focus on what they do best with your child(ren) - teaching and learning - rather than conducting LFD tests which will interrupt lessons for at least the first fortnight of term.

Therefore, please ensure your child(ren) completes a test at some point today and then if you could complete not only **our school google form** ([NEW School Google Form](#)) **but also the NHS Track and Trace form** ([NHS Test and Trace](#)) (no matter the outcome) to show that our school community is testing its students.

This is important as it will show the Government (as you have to input your child's school) that we are completing not just two LFD tests but four before your child(ren) returns to us on 6th September.

The other dates we would like these tests to be carried out are the following:-

- Sunday 29th August
- Wednesday 1st September
- Sunday 5th September
- Wednesday 8th September
- Sunday 12th September

Your child was given a pack of LFD tests to use for these dates. If you have misplaced these or did not receive them at the end of term, please go to the pharmacy to collect some until your child(ren) returns to school. It is vital that these tests are carried out to support us all return to school safely.

From 16th August, there have been changes to Government guidance should there be a positive LFD/PCR test result. See below from the guidance:

- *Unvaccinated young people up to the age of 18 years and 6 months and fully vaccinated adults, are no longer required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19.*
- *Those identified as a close contact will be informed by NHS Test and Trace that they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We strongly encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. There is no*

requirement to self-isolate while awaiting PCR test results and so individuals can attend their setting as usual.

- *Children and young people who attend an education or childcare setting and who have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend their setting as normal.*

We are very much looking forward to the start of term and hope that you have had a wonderful summer so far. ***“We cannot accomplish all that we need to do without working together,”*** Bill Richardson.

Best wishes,