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Dear families,

RE: January Lateral Flow Test (LFT) Arrangements

This letter is to confirm arrangements for lateral flow testing on our return in the new year.

One third of the student population has booked an appointment for an on-site lateral flow test (LFT) on their return to school in January. We support participation as the conditions in which on-site testing take place increases their accuracy over home testing.

We are unsure about the situation we will face in the new year. Therefore, **we strongly urge all students to undertake a home test on the morning they return to school**. Doing so keeps all members of our community safe and minimises any potential disruption to education.

For those with an appointment, on-site testing will take place as follows:

- **Students in Years 7 and 11** are being tested on **Wednesday, 5th January** for return to college on **Thursday, 6th January**;
- **Students in Years 8, 9 and 10** are being tested on **Thursday, 6th January** for return to college on **Friday, 7th January**.

Remote education will be provided, via Classcharts, on the days students are not in school. Work will be set in-line with the timetable and curriculum plans. Completion is required.

Given positive cases look likely to continue rising, testing is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. Testing twice weekly helps us to stay ahead of the virus by quickly spotting new outbreaks and planning our response.

Test kits are available from school. You can also order online at www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests or collect from your local pharmacy.

Much is not known about the new variant and being cautious has served us well. Thank you for your continued support – wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. D. Downes
Headteacher