

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear parents / carer(s),

## Re: NHS COVID-19 asymptomatic testing for Year 7 to Year 11 students January 2022

The Department of Education have advised that all schools in January 2022 will be required to complete aysymptomatic COVID testing to all students. The intention of mass testing is to enable staff and students to be welcomed back to our school safely in January and is a precautionary measure set out by the government.

To facilitate this we are preparing a testing facility here at Lees Brook and this will be conducted the same way as the mass testing undertaken in September 2021. This will take place in the Sports Hall.

We will offer one lateral flow test per consented student on the Tuesday 11th January 2022. The extent of testing will be reviewed regularly and you will be updated accordingly.

The lateral flow tests are quick and easy, currently using a swab of the nose only. Results will only be shared directly with staff and students participating as well as their parent or carer, if they are positive.

For those students who we have received consent for in previous testing rounds, this consent will be used again. However if you no longer consent to your child being tested please notify the school office immediately before 7th January 2022 so we can ensure they are removed from the scheduling list.

COVID testing in school is voluntary, but I would encourage everyone to participate so we can help to stop the spread of the virus and keep as many of our students and staff in school as safe as possible.

If you are happy for your child to be tested but you have not consented on previous occasions, please complete the consent form <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/G0U04sahSF">https://forms.office.com/r/G0U04sahSF</a>. Please ensure that you complete the consent form by no later than Friday 7th January 2022.

On behalf of the test team, I would like to thank you for your support as we work together to keep our school open and as safe as possible from January 2022. We will always adhere to the ever changing government guidance. I can assure you that we will support any student throughout the challenges that COVID-19 continues to bring.

If you have any queries, please contact us on 01332 671723 or email schoolinfo@leesbrook.co.uk

Yours Faithfully,

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