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Dear Parent/Carer

Testing Guidance

As we reach the end of another school year, we would like to pass on a huge thank you to all our parents and students for their support of the Academy throughout the disruption of the last 18 months, due to Covid. Your role in home testing of students has been remarkable and the Department of Education have asked that we also pass on their thanks.

The current guidance confirms the following arrangements over the summer holidays and into the new term: -

- There is no need for students to continue to home test over the summer holidays. Students will be offered two 'LFT' tests in school at the start of the year, a separate letter has already been sent to you regarding this. If you haven't yet given consent for your child to be tested, you can still do so by completing the form on the website.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScAAzBgpS0v8ShsejiA7NOjjiC46QldAuSRenoQ16WYuxQvsCw/viewform>

- Students will be issued with home testing kits on their return to school in September for use during September.
- If your child should develop symptoms of Covid 19 or test positive on a home testing kit, please do not send them into the Academy. You and your household should self isolate and book a PCR test through the NHS to confirm the result. NHS Test and Trace will then advise you of any further requirement to self isolate.
- The NHS Covid 19 app is also available should you wish to download and use it.

Attendance has never been more important as we all continue to re-establish our normal routines and we welcome your support to ensure that all our students are in the Academy and learning throughout the academic year. For those of you lucky enough to be planning a trip abroad over the summer, we would ask that you ensure that you have completed any quarantine periods before school is due to start.

Over the course of the summer we will be working hard to ensure a smooth start to the Autumn term, our revised risk assessment will be published to parents on the school website in time for the start of term.

Thank you again for your tremendous efforts to support our community and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Darren Smith', written in a cursive style.

Darren Smith
Lead Principal