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December 16th 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

In order to help minimise the risk of an outbreak within our school community following the Christmas holiday period, the government has asked all secondary schools to ensure that we oversee one on site lateral flow test of each child (where consent is given) on our return in January before children are to go back to lessons and mix with others.

Hence, in order to facilitate this, we will be adopting staggered starts for different year groups until all pupils have been tested as outlined below:

Year Group	Lateral Flow Test	Return to Normal Lessons
Y11 and Y10	Thursday 6 th January 2022	Friday 7 th January 2022
Y9, Y8 and Y7	Friday 7 th January 2022	Monday 10 th January 2022

Time slots for pupils taking part in the testing will be sent out to parents via MyEd as soon as possible.

On their test date pupils will need to attend school via the main reception 10 minutes before their allocated time slot, undertake their test and then go back home. Pupils must wear a mask (unless exempt) and must sanitise their hands on entry. If the result of their test is negative, pupils are then able to return to lessons as normal on the **following school day**. However, if the lateral flow test is positive, pupils will need to undertake a confirmatory PCR test and must isolate for 10 days if this test is also positive.

Currently 56% of our pupil population takes part in testing (the number in Y7 is especially low) and therefore we strongly encourage as many parents as possible to provide consent for their child to take part in order to help keep our school community safe. If your child currently does not take part in testing, but you would now like to put your child forward please contact Nicola Jones via email at nicola.x.jones@salford.gov.uk and an appointment time will be arranged.

For pupils where consent has previously been given, this will continue to be used unless that consent is withdrawn, which can happen at any time. If parents wish to withdraw consent please contact Nicola Jones via email at nicola.x.jones@salford.gov.uk.

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As before, if a child is not taking part in the lateral flow testing programme then they would return when the rest of their year group commences lessons.

If you have any questions about testing or our staggered start, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I wish you and your families and happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Campbell
Deputy Headteacher

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