

July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Asymptomatic testing in September

I am sure that you will be aware that, before starting school in September, we have been asked by the government to deliver lateral flow tests for students. Students will have two lateral flow tests in school and will then be provided with home testing kits.

We would very much like all of our new year 7 to be able to start life at the Academy on Monday, September 6TH. In order to facilitate this, our Lateral Flow Test Centre will be testing our new year 7 on the afternoon of Thursday 2nd September. Our Covid 19 co-ordinators will contact you during the summer holiday period to provide a more specific time.

Your child is not required to wear school uniform on the day they are being tested, however, normal uniform applies on return to the academy on September 6th.

In order for us to deliver testing, we require your consent. Please find a link to the consent form here: <u>Consent Form</u>. A copy of our privacy notice is also attached.

Please note, if your child is displaying any COVID symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change in your sense of smell or taste

they should not attend site and should book a PCR test through the NHS; please inform the academy if this is the case.

You should also not attend the academy if:

- A member of the household, including support bubble has covid symptoms, or has tested positive for covid
- You are required to quarantine further to visiting countries outside the common travel area
- You have tested positive for covid



Please do not be too daunted or worried that one of the first experiences of secondary school for your child will be unsettling. Please be assured, our team are incredibly helpful and friendly – they have delivered thousands of tests to our students and are very supportive, ensuring any nerves are settled.

If you have any concerns or questions with regards to testing, please contact Mr Gough, rgough@prioryacademies.co.uk, at the academy.

Yours Sincerely

Ms R Wyles

Headteacher