

Dear Parents and carers,

21st July, 2021



### **Asymptomatic Testing**

The government have confirmed that all new Year 7 pupils will be tested for coronavirus prior to starting secondary school this coming September. Upon return, regular home Covid testing will also be introduced to keep staff, pupils and our community safe.

All students will rapid test using Lateral Flow Devices (LFD)s which will support the safe return to school by helping to identify pupils who are infectious but do not have any coronavirus symptoms. Pupils will be offered two tests, each test two to five days apart. This will then become a home testing system after the second in school test has been completed. We will provide you with home test kits for regular testing, with information and links on how to test on our website, under the parent tab.

All Year 7 pupils will take their first lateral flow test on Thursday 3rd September and then return home. They do not need to be in school uniform on this day. They will then start school as normal on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, 8.30am start in uniform. Please see the timetable below with tutor groups and timings to arrive for testing. The second test will be taken on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September and pupils will be collected from their classes.

### **THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER (Yr7 – All students to go home after testing)**

| Registration Time (3D Leisure Entrance to Sports Hall) | Tutor Group | Tutor |
|--|-------------|-------|
| 9.00am   | 7X1         | 7NPE  |
| 9.30am   | 7X2         | 7MOS  |
| 10.00am  | 7X3         | 7JSP  |
| 10.30 – 11.00am  | BREAK       |       |
| 11.00am  | 7X4         | 7PHA  |
| 11.30am  | 7Y1         | 7PHY  |
| 12.00pm  | 7Y2         | 7RWH  |
| 12.30 – 1.30PM   | LUNCH       |       |
| 1.30pm   | 7Y3         | 7SHH  |
| 2.00pm   | 7Y4         | 7SLY  |

The test centre will be located in the sports hall, and all students will enter via the outside doors next to the boys' changing rooms / 3D Leisure entrance. There is no access to the test centre through school. Please drop students off at the front of school by the flag pole so that they can make their own way round to the test centre on foot. There is a link at the top of the web-page in the red banner to show directions to the sports hall. Pupils must wear a face covering when entering the mass test centre and follow all instructions given by staff. The staff running the test centre are fully trained and excellent with supporting young people through the testing process and they will explain every step of the process to your child. Once your child has completed the test which involves just a simple nasal swab, they will leave the sports hall and walk back round to the front of the school, re-tracing their steps. Please be aware that there is no parking at the back of the school by the sports hall and if driving, you will need to make your own arrangements for parking. We will only contact you if the Lateral Flow Test is positive.

Thank you for reading this letter and supporting the school's efforts to keep your children and the community safe. We look forward to welcoming your child to Wey Valley for the new academic year.

Yours faithfully,

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