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Dear

## **Lateral flow testing for students at St Joseph's**

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. To reduce the spread of the virus, we need to identify those individuals.

The Government recently announced that schools should encourage their students to participate in lateral flow testing at the start of the Autumn term in order to keep both students and the staff in these settings safe. The students will be asked to complete two lateral flow tests within 3-5 days of each other, prior to them starting back to school.

The lateral flow tests require your child to self-swab their throat and nose. The staff carrying out the testing are fully trained and able to support your child through the process of swabbing, although we are unable to swab your child directly. The swab will then be tested onsite and the test takes approximately 30 minutes to produce a result.

For the first test your child will be given a specific time to attend the school in order to take the test and results will be sent to parents using the contact details provided on the form below. The students will not be required to wait for the result but can go home straight after taking the test. The second test will take place once the students have returned to school.

Timings for your child to attend for their test are as per the table on the next page.



Tutor Group	Wed 1st Sep		Tutor Group	Thurs 2nd Sep		Tutor Group	Fri 3rd Sep
7A	9.15		8A	9.00		9A	9.00
7B	9.30		8B	9.10		9B	9.10
7C	9.45		8C	9.20		9C	9.20
7D	10.00		8D	9.30		9D	9.30
7E	10.15		8E	9.40		9E	9.40
Break	10.30-10.45		Break	9.50 - 10.05		Break	9.50 - 10.05
7F	10.45		8F	10.05		9F	10.05
7G	11.00		8G	10.15		9G	10.15
7H	11.15		8H	10.25		9H	10.25
7I	11.30		8I	10.35		9I	10.35
7J	11.45		8J	10.45		9J	10.45
7V	12.00		8V	10.55			
Break	12.15-12.45		Break	11.05-11.30			
11A	12.45		10A	11.30			
11B	12.55		10B	11.40			
11C	1.05		10C	11.50			
11D	1.15		10D	12.00			
11E	1.25		10E	12.10			
Break	1.35-1.1.50		Break	12.20-12.35			
11F	1.50		10F	12.35			
11G	2.00		10G	12.45			
11H	2.10		10H	12.55			
11I	2.20		10I	1.05			
11J	2.30		10J	1.15			

Thank you for your support



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