



7th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

WGS Newsletter (15) COVID Testing January 2022

On Friday 26th November the Department for Education announced that secondary schools should plan to test all students once on their return to school after the Christmas break.

We would like to ensure that all students are tested before they re-enter lessons and therefore we will need to adjust the start of the term as follows:

- Wednesday 5th January - Each student will be invited in to take a LFT on site
- Thursday 6th January - Start of term for all students

I am sure you will appreciate that testing up to 1200 students in a day will be a huge challenge, but this arrangement limits disruption to one day for all students, rather than a longer staggered start. It will also allow us to complete testing before students return to classes, contributing to a safe start to the term. All the secondary schools in the Acer Trust will be following the same process.

We have allocated times for testing and these are at the end of this letter. Students should arrive during their slot at the venue shown. They do not need to be in uniform but they will need to wear a mask. Students will take a Lateral Flow Test under supervision of staff. Students are then able to leave the site. We will only contact you if a test is positive.

Consent for Lateral Flow Test on site: if you have given consent previously, you do not need to give consent again. If you have not yet given consent but would like to register, it is not too late. Please complete [this form](#) for consent. It is important that we have consent for every student who attends for testing.

Volunteers: We have had valuable help from parent volunteers to help run testing previously. We would welcome any support from the community again on 5th January. This involves supervising students who are carrying out their LFTs themselves. Guidance and PPE are provided. If you are able to help even for part of this day we would love to hear from you via this [volunteer form](#) by 9pm Thursday 9th December.

The Achievement Centre, Curriculum Support and H1: will be able to provide a place on 5th January for students who usually learn in these areas. This is optional; if you wish to take up this offer, please email a.turton@wgswitney.org.uk by Monday 13th December to indicate that you would like your child to attend school that day.

Thank you as ever for your support for this continuing situation. Whether volunteering or ensuring your child comes into school for their test on 5th January, we appreciate what you are doing to help.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Shadbolt
Headteacher

Schedule for Covid Testing 5th January 2022

Below are our preferred slots and the venue for each tutor group. If you are unable to attend in your given slot, but can attend at an alternative time, please still report to the venue shown when you can, and we will endeavour to fit you in.

Time	Sports Hall	Main Hall	Restaurant
08:30 - 09:00	7ECD	7JWC	7JC
09:00 - 09:30	7HS	7SE	7AJK
09:30 - 10:00	7MHJ	8HMC	8NP
10:00 - 10:30	8SJB	8ECR	8LM
10:30 - 11:00	8JJC	8SAH	8SR
11:00 - 11:30	9PDJ	9SDA	9WJH
11:30 - 12:00	9DL	9AW	9IGM
12:00 - 12:30	9ZOD	9SEH	10MFP
12:30 - 13:00	10CMS	10CC	10ELB
13:00 - 13:30	10JA	10NJP	10HJA (was HLE)
13:30 - 14:00	11DOR	11CLL	11JS
14:00 - 14:30	11CVG	11JPW	11HLW
14:30 - 15:00	12ASR	12SCH	12TJW
15:00 - 15:30	12MFJ 13SRJ	13LMD 13GJD	13KS 13JFCW

