



20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents/Carer

### COVID-19: Asymptomatic Testing in September

As you may be aware, when your child returns to school in September we have been asked to offer two further on-site lateral flow tests. Should you choose to take up the on-site offer we intend to conduct these tests between Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Both tests will be administered on site. Unfortunately, the first test must be offered prior to the student return. If you decide to take part in the on-site testing you will need to make arrangements for your child to attend at the specified time. The second test will be conducted once the students are back at school and it is our intention that this test will be conducted during the normal school day.

Once we have completed the on-site tests we will issue testing kits for students to continue testing twice weekly at home. Although we are still waiting for some of the government templates and guidance to be updated, we realise that it will be beneficial to gather information relating to numbers before school finishes for the summer holidays.

I have provided links relating to consent within this letter. Please note that if you have already provided consent in March you will only need to confirm that the information we hold is accurate and that you would like to continue participation in the testing programme:

[Confirmation of Consent for September Testing. Yr.8 - 13](#)

If you did not provide consent and would like to provide it now, or if your contact information has changed, then you will need to access and complete both the *confirmation of consent for September* form (above) and the form below:

[Link to add or adjust consent information. Sept testing Yr.8 - 13](#)

The information regarding the use of your child's data has not changed. The links are embedded here for you to view again, if you wish, relating to how we will use your child's data when testing [on-site](#) and also when [testing at home](#) .

You do not have to give consent and if you originally provided consent but would now like to withdraw it you can indicate this through the September testing link. Your child will not be asked to complete a test against their wishes regardless of whether consent has been provided. Due to the numbers involved we will not follow up where students have consent but do not attend their on-site time slot. The consent will allow us to complete on-site testing, should the student attend the slot, and will also allow us to provide home testing kits once the on-site testing is completed.

We must demonstrate that we have offered each child the opportunity to be tested, so please could you complete the form by the end of **Friday 6th August** whether you decide to provide consent or not. This will allow us to recruit and train a testing team prior to the student return in September

Once we have established accurate numbers we will be able to arrange the order and timings for the tests. Although I cannot currently commit to an exact time, student tests will be conducted on the days highlighted below. For the first test students should not need to be on site any longer than 20 minutes. Further, specific, timings will be provided once we can accurately establish demand.

Year Group	LFD Test (1)*	First Day of School	LFD Test (2)**
Year 7	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 8.30am start	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 8	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 8.30am start	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 9, 10	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 8.30am start	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 11	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 8.30am start	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 12	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 8.30am start	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 13	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 8.30am start	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September

\*Students will be given a specific time to arrive at school for their on-site LFD Test (1). After the test they can return home.

\*\*Students will receive their on-site LFD Test (2) whilst in school, returning to normal timetabled lessons after the test.

I hope the documents attached combined with the information above provide enough information. If you are unsure about anything, please feel free to contact the school through the [info@princehenrys.co.uk](mailto:info@princehenrys.co.uk) email address or by phoning the school reception 01943 463524. We will try to respond throughout the summer but please remember that we do not have as many staff available to respond to queries and questions during the school holidays.

Could I emphasise that the lateral flow test is just one of the measures we have in place to keep our staff and students safe and is intended to identify members of our community who are in the school building and have corona virus with no symptoms. Testing is not 100% accurate but has enabled us to identify students and staff who have Corona Virus during the last few months.

If you or your child wish to access rapid lateral flow testing during the summer, you can continue to do so by ordering LFD test kits from GOV.UK or by collecting kits from your local pharmacy.

We will provide further, relevant, information relating to testing closer to the return to school.

Yours faithfully – Chris Rowbottom



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