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Dear Parent/Carer

Summer and Autumn Testing Arrangements

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme. As an applicant of Sixth Form at King Edward's we are making arrangements for return to school testing. Below I outline arrangements for testing over the summer and on return in September.

Please read this information carefully and complete the linked form to indicate your child's availability for, and consent to, testing on return to school in September, once they have successfully enrolled on their Post 16 programme of study with us.

Asymptomatic testing over the holidays

The asymptomatic testing programme will be paused for students over the summer holidays. You can continue to do so by ordering LFD test kits from GOV.UK or by collecting kits from your local pharmacy.

Symptomatic testing over the holidays

If your child develops symptoms at any time over the holidays (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste and in addition sore throat or headaches) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

If your child tests positive on a PCR test at any time over the holidays then please report immediately to school by emailing kevi@the3rivers.net.

On site testing in September

We have been directed to offer your child two tests on-site at King Edward's at the start of term before continuing regular testing at home. We intend to test all students on **Friday 3 September and again on Monday 6 September**. Please complete the attached [form](#) to indicate:

- Your child will be available for testing on Friday 3 September and Monday 6 September

- You give consent for your child to take part in testing. Please respond to the consent questions even if your child is unable to attend testing on the dates above (see further information below)

Or

- Your child will be unable to take part in testing due to them having COVID within 90 days of 3 September. This would mean that they have had a positive result from a PCR test on or after 4 June 2021.

The form must be completed by Friday 16 July as this will allow us to plan staffing needed. Once we have received your completed form we will email a time for your child to attend the test on Friday 3 and Monday 6 September. You should receive this email week commencing 23 August.

Consent

Before giving consent you must read the [Privacy Notice](#) and the [Covid 19 Testing - Terms of Consent](#). If you give consent for your child to be tested, the email address and mobile number you include in the form above will be used by NHS to notify you of your child's test result.

The on site testing process will be carried out by students themselves, with guidance and support from trained staff. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose and throat. Please be assured that if, on the day of the test, your child does not willingly agree to completing the test, that they will not be made to do so and you will be informed.

Return to School

As a result of the September testing requirements students return to school will be delayed by one day as follows.

- **19 August** - Online enrolment completed
- **23 and 24 August** - face to face change of subject (time TBC 20 August)
- **Friday 3 September and Monday 6 September** - On site testing of all students
- **Tuesday 7 September** - Staff Training Day
- **Wednesday 8 September** - Year 9 and Year 12 start school at 9.00am
- **Thursday 9 September** - Year 10, Year 11 and Year 13 return to school at 9.00am

Further details of what schools will look like in terms of restrictions will be sent out towards the end of the holidays.

As I know you will appreciate, it has been an incredibly challenging half term, with extremely high levels of both staff and student absence (following what was already an incredibly difficult year). I am extremely proud of how our staff, students and

parents have responded to this situation to ensure that education has continued and the school has remained open. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a restful summer.

Yours sincerely

Ms C Savage
Headteacher

