

13th December 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

ASYMPTOMATIC COVID-19 TESTING – JANUARY 2022

Following recent Government announcements, the DfE are asking secondary schools to test all students at an on-site asymptomatic test site on their return to school in January. This approach is based on the latest public health advice and will help break chains of transmission in education settings after the Christmas holiday when students may have been mixing with lots of people. The programme will involve students being tested once in school, after this, students should continue to test twice a week at home. Lateral flow test kits will be given to all students when they are tested at school to enable this to happen.

We would **strongly encourage** you to support this testing programme so that we can find asymptomatic cases of Covid 19, try to break the chain of transmission and keep our vulnerable community safe. The more students we can test, the fewer cases of Covid-19 we will have in school as we go into the new term and approach exam season.

The consent you gave in September is still valid and so you do not have to give us your consent again. If you no longer agree to give consent then please contact Kirsti Greer, PA to Leadership Team at kad@beckfootupperheaton.org. If you did not give your consent in September but would like to do so for January's testing, then please complete the consent form by clicking here <https://forms.office.com/r/sVONxRkuF4>.

Students are not required to wear school uniform when coming into school for their test and should return home straight afterwards. So long as a negative result is received, students will return to start school properly the following day.

Please see the table below which shows, for each year group, the date of the test and the date your child will actually start school. **All students are expected to return to school on this date whether they have participated in testing or not** (unless they have had a positive test or are currently displaying symptoms/isolating).

Tests will be carried out in the dance studio, which is within the sports hall, so students should enter via the car park entrance. Parents and carers are invited to remain in their vehicles and not to come with students into the sports hall as members of staff will take care of them. Parents will only be notified if there is a positive test result. We hope that the testing will take no more than a few minutes.

Year group	Test Date	Test Time	Return to School
Year 11	Tuesday, 4 th January	8.00 – 10.00	Wednesday, 5 th January
Year 10	Tuesday, 4 th January	10.00 – 12.00	Wednesday, 5 th January
Year 9	Tuesday, 4 th January	12.30 – 15.30	Wednesday, 5 th January
Year 8	Wednesday, 5 th January	8.00 – 12.00	Thursday, 6 th January
Year 7	Wednesday, 5 th January	12.30 – 15.30	Thursday, 6 th January

Yours sincerely,



Mr N.G. Wrightson
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