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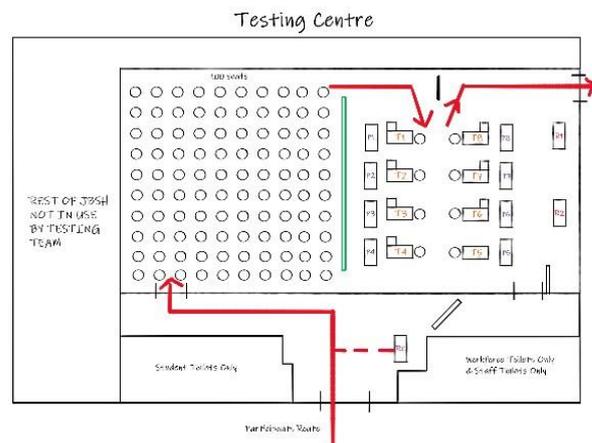
Dear Parent / Carer

## RE: Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing

As you will be aware, all schools and colleges have been asked to test students on their return in January. This letter provides you with essential information surrounding this process. Due to the large volume of students to be tested, we will require your cooperation in facilitating a staggered start on **Thursday 6 January 2022**. We currently believe that all tests can be carried out on the same day, but we will need to **stagger starting times for students in different year groups**. This information can be found below.

### Testing

Each student, for whom we have consent, will be tested once on their return. The tests will be conducted in the sports hall, as indicated in the image across. Students will wait in the theatre for their results, which will take about 20 minutes. Students who have a negative result will go to their lessons, whereas anyone with a positive result will be isolated from their peers. Parents / carers will then be contacted to collect them. **Please can parents / carers make sure that students have a book to read whilst they are waiting for their test result.**



On arrival, there will be a signing in desk situated near the sports hall. If any student is unsure about their consent permissions, they should proceed to this location where they will receive further instruction and direction. **Parents / carers should note that attendance in College is compulsory.**

For all those students where consent has not been granted, or who have tested positive on a PCR device in the last 90-days (8 October 2021 – 5 January 2022), they should attend College as normal on the 6 January 2022 and follow their timetable as normal. Should you now wish to give consent for your child to be tested, please log on to Arbor to do so.

If your child tests positive over the holiday period, then please inform the College by emailing [Covid@mrc-academy.org](mailto:Covid@mrc-academy.org). This will help us to update our records in preparation for testing.

Sixth Form students will be asked to provide proof of testing in line with the above and a separate communication will be sent from the Sixth Form team regarding this.

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### **Staggered return rota for students' first day back in College**

Our test centre can approximately process up to 120 tests per hour. Students will be able to access the College building after a negative test result. To avoid large numbers of students waiting outside in the cold, we request that students arrive at the following times for testing.

<b>Arrival Time</b>	<b>Thursday 6 January 2022</b>
8.20am	Year 7 all eligible for testing with consent
9.50am	Year 11 all eligible for testing with consent
11.10 am	Year 8 all eligible for testing with consent
12.10pm	Year 10 all eligible for testing with consent
1.40pm	Year 9 all eligible for testing with consent

**The above applies for students' first day back in College only.** Student should attend as normal after this time.

I appreciate that staggering students' return to College may cause transport issues for some students. I apologise for any inconvenience this causes but feel this is unavoidable if we are to get students back into College quickly. Students are not permitted to enter the building until they have a negative test.

If your child is unable to arrive at College at the above time, please contact your child's Pastoral Leader and we will try to accommodate any request for changes. I must ask that any changes from the rota are the exception rather than the norm, as we will not be able to manage if more than a very small number request to come in at the start of the day. They should arrive as normal on Local Authority and public buses for the start of the College Day after this initial test.

We will write to you again on 5 January to confirm our arrangements, or to inform you of any changes (hopefully this will not be the case). May I also take this opportunity to ask that all parents/carers do not come onto site without a prior appointment or permission. This will help to reduce the risk of transmission. Thank you for your support in this matter and I wish you a restful holiday period.

Yours sincerely



Phillip Lloyd  
Vice Principal