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Dear Families

Testing for individuals with no COVID-19 symptoms

Following the Government's announcement of testing for 11-18 year olds, their families and school-based staff, schools have been asked to share the attached Q&A document to provide clarification regarding testing for individuals who are asymptomatic (**i.e. are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19**).

Staff, students and their families in certain schools are being urged to get tested. Latest figures from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) showed almost 1 in 3 people in England show no symptoms of having the virus but are still able to pass it on. The roll out of this testing will help identify asymptomatic cases, driving down infection rates and helping break chains of transmission.

KCC have confirmed that there will not be a school based testing unit available to our students in the first instance, therefore testing offered will be via the national web portal as set out in the attached document.

Please note that whilst we encourage all students and their families to get tested, testing is not mandatory and individuals do not need to self-isolate unless they receive a positive test result or they develop symptoms.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school office should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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