



28 July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Covid-19 Testing - September**

We have now received Government guidance with regards to Covid testing for students ahead of their return to school in September.

Students will need to complete two tests (3-5 days apart) during their first week in school. The test to be used are different from those previously used, and will only require swabbing of both nostrils (not the back of the throat) and staff/Healthcare workers will be on hand to help students who have never tested before. To allow us to complete this process we will need to make some changes to the first two days of school on 1 – 2 September. Staggering the start days and times will allow us to bring pupils in and complete the first testing round before pupils mix inside the school community. The adjusted schedule can be seen below:

### **Wednesday 1 September** (Early finish at 2.00pm)

8.45am: **Year 7** arrive to school and complete a full day.

11.00am: **Year 12** arrive to school and complete a partial day.

Midday: **Year 11** arrive to school and complete a partial day.

2.00pm: **Year 13** arrive to school for testing only.

### **Thursday 2 September** (no enrichment this week – 3.00pm finish)

8.45am: **Years 7, 11, 12 & 13** arrive to school for their normal timetabled day.

9.00am: **Year 8** arrive to school and complete remaining day.

10.30am: **Year 9** arrive to school and complete partial day.

11.30am: **Year 10** arrive to school and complete a partial day.

### **Friday 3 September**

All year groups arrive for 8.45am and complete their normal timetabled day.

Students will receive their second test during the school day from Monday 6 – Wednesday 8 September. Should a student tests positive during this period, we will telephone families straight away and advise you of the next steps. Once two tests have been completed in school, students will be issued with packs of testing kits and are expected to carry out regular twice weekly testing at home.

Parents of Year 7 students will need to complete a consent form via the school website <https://www.hayesbrook.kent.sch.uk/testandtraceconsent> a copy of the relevant Privacy Notice is also attached for your information.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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