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To all Parents/Carers

I am writing to you to inform of the school's intention to start its Covid-19 Lateral Flow Test programme with students. The testing programme for children at secondary schools, consists of two lateral flow tests, three to five days apart. In the first instance, the school has been instructed by central government to **only test vulnerable children and children of critical workers, who are attending the school site.**

The testing programme is not mandatory and requires a parent's consent to participate in the testing programme. Any student who does not take part in testing will still be able to attend school unless they develop symptoms or have been in close contact with a positive result. **Please complete the consent form, this consent form is in the 'forms' section on your parentmail account.**

We are receiving constant guidance from central government and Calderdale Public Health on the testing programme and although it has not been explicitly stated, It should be noted that it is expected that the testing programme will be in place when secondary schools return to offering on site education to all students. I am requesting you fill in the consent form **regardless of whether your child is currently attending school.** I ask this to enable the school to pre-plan the complex logistics that will need to be in place, on our return to all students learning on the school site.

In order to support your understanding of the process please see the FAQs documents from the Department for Education attached to this email.

Yours sincerely

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