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Dear Parent/Carer,

NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for Staff and Students

I hope you are all well. As outlined in government guidance this week, schools must now prepare for the asymptomatic testing of our students so that they can return to school before home testing commences. We will be sending details of our re-opening plans out early next week, but I ask that you prepare your children for a staggered return to school to allow for testing to happen.

Asymptomatic testing is voluntary and children must still attend school in line with their year group's return if they are not tested.

In order for your child to be tested, we need parental/ carer consent. This can be done electronically via the link you received with this letter.

Please complete the consent form and submit it by 6pm on Sunday 28th February 2021.

A team of trained staff will supervise students whilst they take this quick and easy test. All relevant documentation, such as the privacy notice and information, can be found by clicking the link below:

<https://kirkbyhighschool.net/coronavirus-information/>

If a student tests positive on a lateral flow device, they will be informed by school and will need to book in for a PCR test to confirm the result as soon as possible afterwards. Students and their household will be required to self-isolate whilst awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR result confirms a positive case, then you will need to continue to self-isolate and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

When students return to school, we will resume the hygiene practices we had in place in the autumn term. In addition to this, all students will be expected to wear masks in classrooms as well as communal areas unless they are exempt.

Of course we will offer full support to all our students and staff throughout this time, but please contact school if you have any queries by telephone or email admin@kirkbyhighschool.net.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs R Conefrey
Headteacher