

Dear Parents/Carers

December 2021

RE: Covid Safety Measures for schools in January 2022 / Lateral Flow Tests

As you may already be aware, schools have been asked by the Government to implement Lateral Flow Testing **on the school site** in January as students return from the Christmas holiday. At Bexhill Academy, we will support this request on Tuesday 4th January 2022. We are very experienced at doing Lateral Flow Testing with many staff qualified to support students in this activity. We have efficient systems in place to ensure that tests can go ahead and have set out our initial plans for implementation as follows.

On Tuesday January 4th we will stagger Lateral Flow Devise Testing across the day, with individual year groups attending within a one hour slot. This will help us to avoid over mixing of student groups before we have results from the first LFD tests. The timings of the tests are as follows:

- Year 7: 8:30 - 9:30am
- Year 8: 9:30 - 10:30am
- Year 9: 11.00 - 12pm
- **Year 11: 12.00 – 1.00pm**
- Year 10: 1:30 - 2:30pm

Our plan is that (as before), students attend school **in their school uniform** at the agreed time to do their LFD Test. **Students will test and go.** Year 7 will be first, between 8.30am and 9.30am with tutors on hand to support and parents can wait for students just outside the gates should they wish to. We will be testing using the “Nose Only” test and students will be guided through this on the day and then provided with these tests to take away to use at home. **Please ensure that you have signed and completed the new consent form for this test which is enclosed with this letter and bring it with you on the day of the test.**

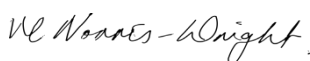
Your child only needs to attend for as long as the test takes. They are to leave the testing site immediately after the test. Parents will be informed if their child tests positive.

Testing times are as follows for each Year group.

Form	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 11	Year 10
BA1 / BA2	8.30- 8.40	9.30- 9.40	11.00- 11.10	12.00 – 12.10	1.30 – 1.40
BA3 / BA4	8.40 – 8.50	9.40 – 9.50	11.10 – 11.20	12.10 – 12.20	1.40 – 1.50
BA5 / BA6	8.50 – 9.00	9.50 – 10.00	11.20 – 11.30	12.20 – 12.30	1.50 – 2.00
BA7 / BA8	9.00 – 9.10	10.00- 10.10	11.30 – 11.40	12.30 – 12.40	2.00 – 2.10
BA9 / BA10	9.10 – 9.20	10.10- 10.20	11.40 – 11.50	12.40 – 12.50	2.10 – 2.20
BA11 / BA12		10.20 – 10.30	11.50 – 12.00	12.50 – 1.00	2.20 – 2.30

If you have any questions concerning this process then please contact Ms Lawrie on student reception or via email at Fleur.Lawrie@bexhillacademy.org who will log or answer your query. We will be open from 8.30am on Tuesday 4th January 2022 to respond.

Yours sincerely,



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