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Dear Parents

All secondary school students should have the opportunity to receive one on-site LFD test, on their return in January 2022. As was the case when we returned in September 2021, we will be using Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests and these are nasal swabs only.

Lateral Flow Device tests

We require parental consent before a student undergoes a LFD test in school; no student will be tested without this except for students aged 16 years or over as they can provide their own consent. Students over the age of 16 must still complete the consent form.

Please note that:

- **The tests are not mandatory;** it is a parental choice whether or not a student is tested in school
- Taking a test is not a requirement before a student can engage in face-to-face lessons
- The test will need to be self administered by the student; trained staff on hand to help if needed
- The test result will be received in approximately 30 mins
- If a student tests positive they will need to be collected from school and start a 10-day period of self isolation before they can return to lessons

In order to make this as easy for parents as possible, please complete the Google Form (link below) specifying which year group your child is in. The form needs completing even if you have previously provided consent as we appreciate that parents/carers perspective may have changed since testing in school began.

Please only complete the form if you want your child to be tested in school. If you do not wish your child to be tested then you do not need to do anything. For those of you with children aged 16+ yrs we would ask that you discuss this option with your child and complete the form if the decision is for them to be tested.

The google form link is:

<https://forms.gle/w6AcwsUEmKZingRc7>

Please note that if your child has tested positive for Covid-19 within the last 90 days then this may still provide a positive LFD test result, so please do not provide consent for them to test within this time period.



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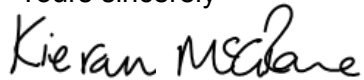
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I would appreciate it if parents could complete the form as soon as possible to allow school to prepare for testing on our return on Tuesday 4 January. However, the form will remain open to complete until Monday 3 January 2022 at 12.00pm (noon).

We are keen to ensure that the return to school is managed as smoothly as possible and that students settle back into known routines despite the need to complete these tests. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kieran McGrane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M'.

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