



**Moorside
High School**
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December 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

As you are aware, the Government have asked schools to carry out one, lateral flow test, before students return to the classroom in January. Followed by a further test at home, three days later. In order to accommodate this, schools are able to have a staggered return.

To minimise disruption and avoid a staggered return over several days, we have agreed that it would be sensible to accommodate all testing on Wednesday 5th January. This will mean that on Wednesday 5th January, all students will be remote learning at home, this will allow our staff to lead on testing the students in school. Students will be able to attend school for their allocated time slot for the testing and then return home to complete the work set by teachers at home. By doing it this way, it minimises the loss of learning, that could be occurred. Heads of Year will run a remote drop in for students and over the coming week, all students will have a refresher on using Microsoft Teams, to ensure students are confident using the software. All teachers will be going through the work that will be set in lessons, before the students finish for Christmas and hard copies of the work will be given, in case students struggle to access Microsoft Teams.

Students are invited in for a test at the following times:

- Year 11 08:45-09:45
- Year 10 09:45-10:45
- Year 9 11:00-12:00
- Year 8 12:00-13:00
- Year 7 13:45-14:45

Please note this is a new round of testing, therefore **parents will need to re-sign up and give consent**, even if you have been involved in the testing programme already this year.

The test is voluntary, but we would encourage everyone to take it. To participate in the testing process in January and subsequent home testing, please complete the linked form below by 12 noon Friday 17th December 2021.

<https://forms.office.com/r/is5jaXEhGa>

By testing we will help to stop the virus spreading and help to keep our school open as safely as possible.

Thank you for your continued support, if you have any questions, in the first instance, please contact your child's Head of Year

Yours faithfully

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