

14th December 2021

Re: Lateral Flow Testing

Dear Parents/Carers,

Recently the DfE announced plans for schools to offer on-site lateral flow tests for all students on their return to school in January. We have plans in place to undertake the testing for all consenting students on the first day back and believe we can do this swiftly and with minimal disruption without the need to stagger the students' return. Consent can be given using this form [CONSENT FORM](#); the link will close on 31st December 2021. If you wish to remove consent this can be done by emailing consent@corbytechnicalschool.org at any time. Please be aware that any student who has tested positive in the 90 days prior to Wednesday 5th January 2022 should not take part in the on-site testing. They can inform us of this on the day.

Yesterday, in response to the emergence of the Omicron variant the DfE has issued further guidance to schools. From Tuesday 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 is being introduced (including until the end of this term). All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Anyone who tests positive should self-isolate and [order a PCR test](#) to confirm the result. If the PCR is negative, they no longer need to isolate but they should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

We will be providing Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing kits for students to take home to allow them to continue the twice-weekly testing this week and over the holiday period.

If you have any questions, please email enquiries@corbytechnicalschool.org.

Yours sincerely,



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