



Dear Parents and Carers

### Covid-19 Asymptomatic Testing Centre

The Department for Education has requested that all secondary schools prepare to test their pupils for Covid-19 once, on-site, on return to school in January 2022. They have advised that testing continues to play a vital role in keeping COVID-19 out of schools and that testing all pupils in school helps reduce transmission after a period of social mixing over the school holidays. Therefore, we will be re-opening our Covid-19 Asymptomatic Test Centre for all of our students, prior to their return to school for the Spring Term, and this letter outlines the details for the one, on-return test.

The test centre will be open from Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th January 2022 and to ensure that all students remain safe until tested, we will be operating a staggered return to school for all.

The table below details the testing dates for each year group and their return to school date:

Year Group	Testing Date	Return to School Date
Year 7	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Year 8	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Year 9	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Year 10	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Year 11*	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Year 12	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Year 13	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022

*\*for students who have an examination on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January you will receive a letter containing different testing arrangements, examinations are a priority and will continue as planned.*

Each student under the age of 16 will require parental consent and our Consent Portal is now open and will be closing on Thursday 6th January at 11:00am. Only students with consent will be allowed access to the test centre. Please follow the link to add or remove your consent as applicable.

<https://www.kirkhallamacademy.co.uk/consent>

Once you have provided consent, your child does not need to register for their test in advance as we will complete that part of the process for them.

Unfortunately, due to the numbers we are testing, we are unable to alter the allocated date and times which will be provided or to register additional students. Also, we would like to remind you that this is an Asymptomatic Test Centre therefore your child should not attend if they are experiencing Covid symptoms; temperature, new / continuous cough, loss of taste or sense of smell. Additionally, **if your child has received a positive PCR test result within 90 days of the date of their test with us, they should not attend for a test**, and simply return to school on the date specified above for their year group.

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### Test Centre Information

Your child should arrive to the Test Centre at the allocated date and time and this information will be sent to you in due course. Please do not arrive any earlier than the allocated time as we have provided specific slots to allow for careful management of numbers.

The test centre will be situated in the Main school building in the gym area and staff will direct pupils upon arrival to site.

Once the test has been completed, your child shall be directed out of the Test Centre and back out of the building. Children will not be permitted to enter the wider School grounds during their visit and should return home as soon as the test has been completed. Your child does not need to wear uniform to attend the test centre. The results of all tests administered on these dates will be recorded and submitted to NHS Test and Trace, if your child receives a positive result we will inform you immediately.

### Remote Learning

We expect all students to access remote learning this week prior to their return date. Students should access our remote learning provision via MS Teams and adopt their normal school timetable at home. <https://www.kirkhallamacademy.co.uk/page.php?p=remote>

We hope the above provides you with useful information, however, if you do have any queries in relation to the content, please email [Contact@kirkhallamacademy.co.uk](mailto:Contact@kirkhallamacademy.co.uk)

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Yours Sincerely



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