

7 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Covid-19 Asymptomatic Testing in January 2022**

The Department for Education has published updated guidance about the actions that schools should take to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). This includes public health advice, endorsed by Public Health England (PHE).

Asymptomatic testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools. We encourage students and staff to carry out home lateral flow tests twice per week, and we will continue to do this and provide testing kits for students during term time. If you or your family require Covid testing kits they are available for collection from our school reception.

**We are offering students the opportunity to be tested in the academy on our return to school following the Christmas holiday on Tuesday 4 January 2022.** Tests will be completed during the school day and all students should return to school on Tuesday 4 January before 8.20am.

**If you would like your child to access on-site testing, please complete the Bishopsgarth COVID Testing Consent Form (<https://forms.gle/U6GXG9hWbwGf7oDe7>) by noon on Tuesday 14 December to provide your consent.** A privacy notice related to the consent form is available [here](#).

If you do not consent to on site testing for your child, we would encourage you to access home testing kits at a community venue or pharmacy to enable them to test at home prior to their return.

**We strongly encourage ALL students to take a Covid-19 test prior to their return to the academy to help minimise the risk of transmission and safeguard students and staff.**

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,



Mark Robinson  
Head of School