

WORKINGTON ACADEMY

Stainburn Road,
Workington
Cumbria
CA14 4EB

T: 01900 873926
E: office@workingtonacademy.org
W: www.workingtonacademy.org

Mr D Bird
Headteacher

"Be The Best You Can Be"



16 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

The Department for Education (DfE) has recently asked all secondary schools to provide a lateral flow on-site test for pupils on return in January. Testing in school helps to boost participation and will help reduce transmission after a period of mixing over the holidays.

Public Health England has advised all schools to stagger the days students start their new term to facilitate this. Luckily, we have a very experienced test team in place and can test all year groups as below:

Start of new term and test date	Year group
Wednesday 5 January	10, 11, 12 and 13
Thursday 6 January	7, 8 and 9

Students are asked to arrive at the normal time of 8.40am for registration with their form tutor, followed by their lessons.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in the on-site testing, then please complete the consent form using this link <https://forms.office.com/r/gGrQJPVLgd> by **6pm on Monday 3 January 2022** (even if you have provided consent previously). If your son/daughter has tested positive for COVID in the 90 days before the dates above, then they will not be tested this time around.

After your son/daughter has completed a test, the result will be uploaded to NHS test and trace on the same day and you will be sent a text message from them informing you of the result (typically within 24 hours). School will also receive a confirmation email. As we are testing in school, we will be able to contact you immediately in the event of a positive result and advise you on what to do next.

Please may I ask that you do not send your son/daughter to school if they are displaying any COVID-19 symptoms and to contact us straight away, so we can share the most up to date guidance with you. I would also appreciate it if you could remind them to complete a LFD home-test the night before school starts. All students were given a box of home test kits recently, but if you require any more then they can be ordered for free from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>.

If you have any further queries please contact office@workingtonacademy.org.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Bird
Headteacher