

13th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to update you on the lateral COVID testing that is being delivered across the City. As of Wednesday 18th November 2020, lateral testing will be taking place within our Academy. This will be delivered by military personnel in conjunction with the Department for Health and Social Care and Liverpool City Council. Academy staff will support this process.

I understand from conversations with some parent/carers that there is some anxiety with regard to this type of testing taking place on school grounds. I want to reassure all parents about this process.

As the Headteacher, I will carry out my duty of care to your children in the following ways;

- 1) **Your child will only be tested with your consent.** All children, unless already specified, will receive a consent form which will need to be signed and returned by you. We will contact parents/carers who haven't returned this to chase the completion of this form.
- 2) **We will conduct a double check system.** This means that only students who we have consent for will enter the testing room.
- 3) **We will listen to the voice of the child.** If you have consented for your child to be tested, but they have concerns on the day we will not force them to be tested. You will be contacted to talk it through with your child.

On Monday, students will be issued with personal consent forms in a private envelope. These consent forms should be completed and returned to school the following day. There will also be further information about the testing programme which will support you in making an informed decision. We understand this is a short time-frame, however, we know how important this pilot is and the need for a rapid response if we are going to do our part in preventing the spread of the virus.

Please return the form by Tuesday 17th November 2020

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Jeniffer Sing
Headteacher