

Year 13 In School Asymptomatic Student Testing (January 2022)

Dear Parent/Carer,

On 26th November, the government wrote to all secondary schools asking them to test pupils on the school site on their return to school in January. They have stated that it is their aim is to reduce transmission of the virus after a period of social mixing over the school holidays. To manage this large-scale testing procedure, schools have been given permission to stagger the return of students over the course of the first week back after the holiday period.

We fully endorse the asymptomatic testing of students, as regular testing is an important measure in reducing the risk of the transmission of COVID-19 within schools, and we strongly encourage participation in this programme to ensure that NSB is not managing school outbreaks of the virus at the start of the school year.

Following this on-site test, students will be asked to take a second LFD test, at home, 3-4 days later. They should then continue to test twice weekly in line with government guidelines. Further test kits will be provided to students in January.

If your son/daughter has given their consent to be tested, they need to ensure that they attend at the time slot provided below. Terms of consent can be found on the school's website by [clicking here](#). If they wish to change their consent status, they should contact Mrs Sharp on hsharp@nsb.northants.sch.uk

Students who have tested positive for Covid in the last 90 days are exempt from this on-site testing.

Please find below a detailed schedule for your child's return to school:

Tuesday 4th January 2022

08:45 to 10:40 – attend for on-site testing as per the schedule below.

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| 08:45 | 13H, 13I, 13J |
| 09:15 | 13K, 13L |
| 09:45 | 13P, 13Q, 13R |
| 10:15 | 13S, 13T |

When students have finished their Covid test, they will either need to remain on site if they are taking their Maths/Core Maths Trial Exam or leave the site and return home.

Students remaining on site will need to study in the Sixth Form study areas.

If coming by car, please drop students in the Cripps Hall Car Park and wait there until they return. Unfortunately, you will not be allowed to drive onto the school site.

Students must enter through the red doors at Main Reception and go straight to the swimming pool entrance for their test.

If your son/daughter has any symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school to be tested, but must follow the government [stay at home](#) self-isolation instructions.

All Covid test results will be sent by text to the first contact in our management information system by the end of the day.

If your son/daughter tests positive from the LFD test, we will contact you immediately, they will need to self-isolate and you will need to [book in for a confirmatory PCR test](#). If the PCR test comes back as positive, their self-isolation will need to continue, but if it comes back as negative, they will be able to return to school.

All Year 13 should continue to revise at home and attend their Trial Exams as per the issued timetable. All Year 13 will return to normal school times and lessons on Friday 14th January 2022.

I hope you manage to get a restful break this Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,
Mr M J Edwards
Senior Deputy Head