

Year 8 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 you have already provided consent for your son to be tested, there is no need to do anything else other than to ensure he attends at the time slot provided below. Terms of consent can be found on the school's website by [clicking here](#). If you wish to change your consent status, please 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. They should join live lessons and then return to school as per the date below.

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

Tuesday 4th January 2022

All Year 8 students will participate in remote learning for the whole day. Live lessons delivered via MS Teams.

The tutorial for accessing remote learning can be found by [clicking here](#).

Wednesday 5th January 2022

08:45 to 10:30 – attend for on-site testing as per the schedule below.

Your son must wear school uniform and when he has finished his test, he will return to normal lessons for the rest of the day. If he is not testing due to consent being withdrawn or if he is within 90 days of a positive result, he must go to his normal lesson at the time indicated.

Students MUST NOT arrive before the times given below:

08:45	8H	09:45	8P
09:00	8I	10:00	8Q
09:15	8J	10:15	8R
09:30	8K	10:30	8S

Your son must enter through the red doors at Main Reception and go straight to the swimming pool entrance.

If he has any symptoms of COVID-19, he 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 he tests positive from the LFD test, we will contact you immediately, and he 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, your son's self-isolation will need to continue, but if it comes back as negative, he will be able to return to school.

All Year 8 will return to normal school times on Thursday 6th 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