

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Timings for Covid LFD Testing

Further to Mr Kelly's letter on 24<sup>th</sup> February, please find attached timings for students who have consent to attend for Covid testing for the weeks commencing 1st March and 8th March. 30 minute windows have been allocated based on year group and then by surname. For example, if your child's surname begins with an A or B and they are in Year 11, they should arrive at 8am. on 1st March.

We will aim to test your child as soon as possible after their arrival. They will be on site for a minimum amount of time and only with students in their own year group bubble and distancing. They will not need to wait for the test result, as this will be texted to the person named on the consent contact form, as well as to the School.

Students are not required to wear school uniform, but should be appropriately dressed for a school setting, as they are, for example, on Non-Uniform Days.

Students should enter the main Reception via the Shanklin Drive entrance please. Students should not enter through the Brookdale Road or Higham Lane entrances. Please kindly note: parents/carers who are taking their child to school will not be able to park on site and should drop their child off near to the Shanklin Drive gate. Parents/Carers should not enter the school site due to our current COVID-19 health and safety measures.

Students arriving for testing should wear face coverings (unless they have an exemption).

The testing will be carried out using Lateral Flow Devices, in line with Government guidelines. **We must have written consent for every student who is to be tested.** If any student arrives for testing and the consent form has not been completed, we will not be able to test them.

If your son/daughter has tested positive for Covid in the past 90 days, you should not send them for a test. This is because a false positive test may result in unnecessary self-isolation for you and your household.

Students who are already attending school will be given permission to leave their lessons at the time of their test. They will then return to their lessons.

Teachers have been informed when students will be missing a lesson because they are having an LFD test. Students who miss a lesson for this reason will not be expected to catch up with the work they missed.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the School via the [contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk](mailto:contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk) email.

Best wishes,

Higham Lane School