

Important information regarding COVID testing before the term begins in January

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Dear Parents/Carers

This message contains important information about the start of the spring term in January. Students who have had a positive PCR test since the beginning of October should not take a test in January and can arrive to start school on Wednesday, 5 January 2022 unless they are still within the ten days isolation period. Students who have not had a confirmed case of Covid since the beginning of October will be asked to take a test.

Testing

Before we welcome students back to school in January, we are required to ask them to take a lateral flow test in school. Testing will take place on Tuesday, 4 January to cause as little disruption as possible to the start of term. The Stour Valley testing site will run as a drop-in so students can arrive at any time between 8.30am and 3.30pm. Students will need to make their way along the drive, past the Activity Studio and Gym and round to the entrance between the Art and Food rooms. Testing will take place in G6, exactly as on previous occasions. The students may need to wait, if there is a queue, but the new nasal swab tests are quicker than the previous tests and the students are familiar with the system so we do not anticipate a long wait.

If you have already given consent for your child to take a test here, we will continue to use that. If you have given consent but wish to withdraw it, please update this via the SIMS Parent app or email keady@stourvalley.org and do not send your child in for testing. We would encourage everyone who can participate to do so as this testing has identified a number of asymptomatic cases: testing helps keep us all safe.

Lateral flow testing

Going forward, please continue to support your child in testing at home twice a week. The new type of tests requires a swab of each nostril and do not involve a throat swab. Additional test kits will be distributed during the spring term where consent to test has been given.

Kind regards



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