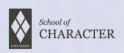
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15th December 2021 JOs/KTr

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: On-Site Lateral Flow Testing

As part of the ongoing objective to keep the education sector functioning, we are working tirelessly to ensure The Malling School is as safe as possible for both our staff and students.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, 'lateral flow' tests will be offered to consenting students, which will allow them to remain in school safely. Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms. By testing, we will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our school operational as safely as possible. We will be testing all students who wish to participate on: **Tuesday 4th January 2022.**

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy, using a swab of your nose and throat. For under 18s, staff can oversee the swab process. Results will be ready in 30 minutes and you will be contacted only if your child tests positive. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be informed.

Tests will only be administered if we have received consent which you can indicate through the form below.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have completed our consent form for Covid-19 Testing already. A link to the form is on our website and also here: <u>Covid-19 Mass Testing Consent Form</u>

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will happily assist wherever possible.

Kind regards

Mr J Osmond Deputy MIS Manager Designated Safeguarding Lead » Operation Encompass Lead