



10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear all parents and carers,

Further to my letter sent earlier this week in reference to the on-site testing of all students on their return to school in January, please see below LINK for parents to **book a time** for your child(ren) to attend at either campus for the test.

As previously explained, the Government has required secondary school students to undertake one test on-site at the start of term in school followed by their continued home lateral flow testing 2-3 times weekly.

Rapid testing is a vital part of the Government's plan to suppress transmission of COVID-19 in education settings by identifying asymptomatic positive cases quickly so that those who test positive can self-isolate. This support ensures that other students can stay in face-to-face education.

We will have the test centres open at both Helenswood and William Parker on the **Inset Day-Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022** from 7.45am until 4.15pm (the last test time is at 3.45pm).

We encourage you to please book a time slot for your child(ren). For convenience, siblings can be booked at the same time together and you are able to choose the campus closest to you if you prefer. Please note that if a timeslot 'disappears' from the booking form, it means that it is fully booked. The booking form also refers to your consent for school testing. If you do not give consent, please ensure you complete the booking form as it has the option to decline-thank you. ***Please note that all previous consent forms are now obsolete.***

Please be advised that if your child has had a positive confirmatory PCR result for COVID-19 within 90 days of the 4<sup>th</sup> January, you do not need to test- please advise us of this with a screenshot copy of the NHS message you will have received with the positive result for our records (covid@arkalexandra.org).

- LINK for the booking form for the on-site testing on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (*the booking form will close at mid-day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022*).  
<https://forms.office.com/r/9NgDL6zYuf>

Yours faithfully,

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