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Dear Parents / Carers

NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 surge testing for Students

As we have received further information regarding the surge testing planned for Wednesday 26th May, we can now share more details about the testing procedure with you.

Your child has a slot for their PCR test, to take place either in the main hall or lower playground as indicated below. Students in Years 7 to 9 will be reminded to attend at the allocated time slot by their class teachers.

Years 7 - 9

| Time | Year Group | Testing location |
|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| 9.00am to 9.30am | Year 7 (H side) | 7BH,7FH,7GH – Hall 7KH,7NH,7SH – Lower Playground |
| 9.30am to 10.00am | Year 7 (N side) | 7BN,7FN,7GN – Hall 7KN,7NN,7SN - Lower Playground |
| 10.00am to 10.30am | Year 9 (H side) | 9BH,9FH,9GH – Hall 9KH,9NH,9SH - Lower Playground |
| 11.00am to 11.30am | Year 9 (N side) | 9BN,9FN,9GN – Hall 9KN,9NN,9SN - Lower Playground |
| 11.30am to 12.00pm | Year 8 (H side) | 8BH,8FH,8GH – Hall 8KH,8NH,8SH - Lower Playground |
| 12.00pm to 2.00pm | Year 12 | Hall or Lower Playground |
| 2.00pm to 2.30pm | Year 8 (N side) | 8BN,8FN,8GN – Hall 8KN,8NN,8SN - Lower Playground |

Years 10

Due to Year 10 assessments this week, we have arranged the time slots below to accommodate the testing around planned assessments.



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| Time | Year Group | Testing location |
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| 10.30am to 11.00am | Year 10 | After morning assessment - Hall or Lower Playground |
| 12.00pm to 2.00pm | Year 10 | Hall or Lower Playground |
| 2.30pm to 3.00pm | Year 10 | After afternoon assessment - Hall |

During the testing process, students will need to register their test barcode on a phone in order to later access their test results. A video is available to watch at <http://www.harrow.gov.uk/surge> to show students the process; we would really appreciate it if you could watch this with your child in advance of Wednesday.

In order to complete the registration process at school, your child will need to confirm the following information: their full name, date of birth, gender, ethnic group, home address and either a mobile phone number or email address. Please discuss this with your child so they are well prepared and are able to register with the correct information; it may also be useful to note down these details in your child's diary, as children are often not fully aware of their correct personal details. We will of course have staff available to assist students, should they have any difficulties, on the day.

Students will also be given test kits which will need to be completed at home for all other household members. Please can you tell your child how many test kits they will require. These completed kits should be returned to school on Thursday 27th May. Alternatively, you may return the test kits to local testing centres located in St Ann's Shopping Centre, Harrow Council Civic 5 or Harrow Arts Centre.

Please be reassured that the way you carry out the test is exactly the same as the way you have already been doing if you test regularly with lateral flow tests. The difference with this PCR test is that the sample taken will be collected and sent to a laboratory for testing to see if it is negative or positive. Anyone taking a test will be told within two or three days if they have tested positive or negative but will not receive information about the presence of the variant. If you test positive, you must self-isolate with your family to prevent Covid-19 spreading to others.

We will, as always, support students throughout the process, but please do contact us if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher