



ST MARY'S COLLEGE

21st September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, we have a number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Year 11. We have made all close contacts aware and continue to monitor the situation very closely alongside the guidance from Public Health England.

As an extra layer of support, we are going to offer all Year 11s the opportunity to take a LFT twice per week in our testing centre. We would encourage all Year 11s to utilise this provision so that we can keep everyone in our school community as safe as possible whilst providing extra reassurance to Year 11 students and their wider families. This swift action will also help to protect your child's attendance at school and their continuity of learning, which is absolutely imperative for us at St Mary's College.

Students will be able to enter the test site from 8.30am via the academy gate as the testing site will be in the Academy Sports Hall as previously. Students will be registered in the Academy, directed to take their LFT before returning to their form room ready for period 1.

The testing timetable for this week will be as follows:

Week commencing 20th September:

- **LFT 1: Wednesday 22nd September**
- **LFT 2: Friday 24th September**

Week commencing 27th September:

- **LFT 1: Monday 27th September**
- **LFT 2: Thursday 30th September**

We will keep this provision in place, testing Year 11s on Monday and Thursday mornings until Public Health England advise otherwise.

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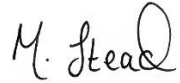
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Please note: **this does not remove the need to still do a Lateral Flow Test at home on a Sunday night and Wednesday morning (apart from this week alone, where the Wednesday morning test will take place in school).**

Thank you for your support and understanding of the need to act in a pragmatic and considered manner. Covid can still make young people feel very unwell and a small number have developed Long Covid. Therefore, the need to protect one another as best we can remains our absolute priority.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Stead". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'S' at the end.

Mrs M Stead
Head of School