

Dear Parent/Carer,

August 2021

**RE: Covid Testing Programme Information**

We look forward to welcoming back our pupils after the summer break. As per government guidance and our previous communication to you, COVID-19 testing in schools will recommence again using 'lateral flow devices'. The government have recommended two lateral flow tests for every pupil to be completed in school at the start of the autumn term 2021. This letter is to help give you more information about the testing programme in our school. Up to one third of people who have coronavirus are asymptomatic. By testing we will help to reduce the spread in school and college settings through asymptomatic transmission.

Testing will commence from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and will take place in our sports centre on site. Students will be expected to wear full school uniform and **masks will be compulsory** in the testing area so please send your child to school with a mask and in correct uniform ([Uniform & Equipment - Montsaye](#)).

In order to factor in the logistics of lateral flow testing, we are going to reintroduce pupils to school as per the below staggered start schedule:

**Years 7, 8, 12 and 13**

Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	Year 7 and 8 start school at 8.40am and are in school all day – testing to take place during school day, students will be escorted to the test area in classes. Finish at 3pm. Desborough and Village buses will collect students at the normal times as per bus schedule.  Year 12 arrive to school testing area in the sports hall at 12pm and can complete sixth form sign-up in the sixth form centre following completion of tests.  <b>Year 13 in school for testing only 12 – 2.30pm</b> – pupils can return home once test has been completed
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	Year 7 and 8 in school for lessons 8.40am – 3pm Desborough and Village buses will collect pupils at the normal times as per bus schedule.  Year 12 in school for induction and lessons 8.40am – 3pm Desborough and Village buses will collect pupils at the normal times as per bus schedule.  Year 13 in school for assembly and lessons 10am – 3pm
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Sep onwards	All year groups in school full time 8.40am – 3pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> round of testing will be completed during this week in the school day).  Desborough and Village buses will collect students at the normal times as per bus schedule.

**Years 9, 10 and 11**

Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	Years 9, 10 and 11 will only be in school for their tests and will be expected to go home following completion. Testing at allocated times as per below schedule:  <b>Village buses</b> – pupils will be collected at normal times as per bus schedule and these pupils will be tested and will be transported back once testing has taken place.  <b>Desborough buses</b> – pupils in years 9, 10 and 11 will be collected from Desborough from 9am onwards and will be transported back once testing has taken place.  <b>Pupils arriving by car or walking</b> – pupils are welcome to arrive on site between 10 – 1pm for testing and return home once testing has been completed.
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Sep onwards	All year groups in school full time 8.40am – 3pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> round of testing will be completed during this week in the school day).  Desborough and Village buses will collect pupils at the normal times as per bus schedule.

*Please note that bus detail is subject to confirmation from North Northants County Council.*



### Is testing compulsory?

The testing is voluntary but is strongly encouraged.

We previously sent out a consent form for parents to complete ahead of testing. Please follow the link below to complete and submit this consent form, if:

- You haven't already done so;
- You need to withdraw consent because your child has had a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days; or
- You have changed your mind regarding your consent since you last completed the form.

Link to consent form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=s6yrlFDW3EmpghlHs25jGThgxGkHJfRPkKdpEU8BAtrUQ1E1N1BVNIRRWTgwQjRQRUtSRk8wVVNFRS4u>

Pupils whose parents do not consent for them to take part in the testing programme will be able to attend school as per below schedule:

Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	Year 7 and 8 in school 8.40am – 3pm Year 12 in school from 12pm for sixth form induction and sign-up
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	Year 7 and 8 in school 8.40am – 3pm Year 12 in school 8.40am – 3pm Year 13 in school 10am – 3pm
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	All year groups in full time 8.40am – 3pm

We hope that this letter provides you with all of the information that you require. Please contact the office ([office@montsaye.northants.sch.uk](mailto:office@montsaye.northants.sch.uk) or 01536 418844) if there is anything else that we can assist you with.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Gabbi  
Principal