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Dear Parent/Carer,

The government have announced a Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) programme for secondary schools and colleges. Students will be offered 3 tests on-site, 3 to 5 days apart (min 3 days), upon their return to school. Testing on-site is a condition of being able to transition students to test at home.

All students should return to face-to-face education following their first negative test result. Students not undergoing testing should attend school in line with our school's phased return arrangements. Testing is voluntary; however, we would encourage everyone to participate in the asymptomatic testing programme to help break transmission links by identifying those who may be carrying the virus unknowingly.

I would like to thank the vast majority of parents and carers who have returned their consent forms to ensure their child can access their tests and return to a safe and healthy environment.

To ensure our students can return to the Academy, over a phased period of time, the week commencing Monday 8th March, will we begin our LFT programme on Tuesday 2nd March, to ensure that all groups will have received their first LFT before returning the following week.

The LFT testing programme for the week commencing 1st March is as follows:

2 nd March		PM – Y7
3 rd March	AM – Y11	PM – Y10
4 th March	AM – Y8	PM – Y9
5 th March		PM – Y7

AM sessions will be run between 8.30 and 12.30 and PM sessions between 1.30 and 4.30. Parents and carers will receive a text message with an appointment time for their child, the day before they are due in for their test. As you can imagine the Academy office will be very busy, so could I ask you only to contact the Academy office if it is urgent, as office staff will be busy helping out with the testing.

LFT will take place in the main sports hall. Students must access the sports hall via the Allendale Road entrance and exit the sports hall via Ashford Road.



Finally, can I remind parents and carers, that despite LFT being carried out throughout the week commencing the 1st March, students will still be expected to follow their Academy timetable and attend their online learning lessons from home.

I will write to you later in the week with the programme for students returning to the academy and the LFT timetable, for the week commencing 8th March.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Holder', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mr N. Holder