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Covid Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) at home & some changes to the school day after half-term

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to remind you of the importance of the routine LFT testing at home on Wednesdays and Sundays. We had two positive cases the week before last and one last week. If these individuals had not completed their regular home tests on the set days then they would have been in school for longer whilst infectious. The purpose of the home-testing is to identify cases where individuals have little or no symptoms. There are also some colds and sickness going around at the moment and the tests help distinguish between these and the coronavirus.

The link for the form to register a negative Lateral Flow Test result is below

<https://forms.gle/hESci7neMQ6yEuJs7>

If you have any problems with the form then please instead email your child's details and result to covidtesting@montgomery.fcat.org.uk

Please could you supervise your son or daughter completing their test today and then register the result on the school form.

In discussions with Public Health this week in regard to the positive cases it was suggested that we also advise parents & carers to test with LFTs regularly. This is another layer of prevention that all schools are being asked to recommend.

All parents can take up the national universal LFD testing offer x 2 weekly

- Home test kits are easily ordered <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

or they are available from some chemists, such as the Well Bispham Chemist in Bispham village.

We also encourage all parents and carers to take up their offers of a vaccination when they become eligible.

If **your son or daughter** tests positive then please could you:

- Keep your child at home
- Register the result with NHS Track & Trace as per the instructions in the testing kit
- Contact the school
 - Call 01253 356271 (If not in school hours then please leave a message)
 - Email your child's details to admin@montgomery.fcat.org.uk
- Book a PCR test online (link below) or take your child to a drop-in testing centre <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/essential-worker>

If anyone in the household is experiencing any of the three main Covid symptoms then the household should isolate until that member of the household has had a negative PCR test.

Changes to the school day after half-term (Years 7-10)

With Year 11 working on transition activities remotely after half-term we are going to be making changes to the school day in light of having one less year group in school. This will mean that we can reduce the staggered starts and finishes and reintroduce regular assemblies. It will also enable Year 10 to move to the block with specialist DT rooms and Year 9 to move to the Science Block and experience some practical science lessons in a science lab.

Years 8, 9 and 10 start and finish times will not change, yet Year 7 will start a little later and finish a little later.

Year 7s start time after half-term (Monday 7th June) will be 15 minutes later at 8:45am with the gate open from 8:35am. The Year 7 finish time from the Monday 7th June will be 15 minutes later at 3:00pm.

If this causes parents/carers of Year 7 students any issues then please contact us and we will look at how we can resolve them.

The Year 9 break and lunch times will also change, so that their lessons will no longer be split.

As ever, we thank you for your continued support in these matters as we hopefully move into a less disrupted time educationally, where students can start to again access all parts of the curriculum.

Regards



Mr. Careless
Headteacher