CORNELIUS VERMUYDEN SCHOOL

Respect, Resilience, Responsibility

26 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Testing Procedures

I write to you to provide you with more information regarding the on-site testing process which will start for students from 8 March 2021.

To safeguard the health of all and keep as many staff and students in school as possible, the government has made rapid lateral flow coronavirus (COVID-19) tests available to schools. The use of rapid lateral flow tests allows us to identify individuals with coronavirus (COVID-19) who do not have symptoms, which make up around a third of all cases.

The lateral flow tests that will be provided to schools produce a result in 30 minutes and do not require a laboratory to process them. Schools have been provided with testing kits, including personal protective equipment (PPE), and training as a testing centre.

This testing programme does not replace the current testing programme for those with symptoms. Anyone who is showing symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate (not attend school) until the result from a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test is known.

To try and make this process understandable for parents/carers and students, I have broken instructions into 3 phases:

1. Consent
2. Registration
3. The Testing Process

1. Consent

Participating in testing is voluntary. To gain medical consent from a test subject (or from parents and guardians), we require parents/carers to complete the consent form provided and read the privacy notice to understand what will happen with your data. Please find enclosed an electronic copy of both documents. **A hard copy of the consent form has been posted today to the home address of the priority contact for each child.**

The consent form MUST be completed by the parents/carers and the student will physically be required to have this form on them when they enter the Sports Hall for their first LFD test. Failure to provide consent will mean that the school will not process a test.

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2. Registration

Also enclosed, please find a summary sheet of the registration process. Students will personally complete this at their own desk and will require their consent form. The registration process will take place at the far end of the Sports Hall and each student will be provided with a copy of this instruction. Whilst this may seem like a long list, it takes approximately 2-3 minutes. It is important to note that the telephone numbers and email addresses provided at this stage will be where the results are sent.

Students will need access to a device (this may be their own mobile phone). If they do not have one, staff will be on hand with devices to assist.

3. The Testing Process

To reduce anxiety of the testing process for students, please find attached a simple summary with photographs.

We thank parents/carers for their support in advance and look forward to physically having the school community back on site soon. Should you have any general enquiries, please contact your child's Head of Year or admin@corver.rmplc.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

Mr I Hockey
Headteacher

Enclosed:

- Consent Form (to be completed and with the student when entering the testing site)
- Privacy Notice
- Registration Summary
- Testing Summary
- Testing Poster

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This letter has additional documents attached. Please click the following links to view them:

http://www.corneliusvermuyden.com/uploads/pdfdocument/Cornelius_Consent_Form.pdf

http://www.corneliusvermuyden.com/uploads/pdfdocument/How_to_do_your_test_COVID_19.pdf

http://www.corneliusvermuyden.com/uploads/pdfdocument/Privacy_Notice.pdf

http://www.corneliusvermuyden.com/uploads/pdfdocument/Testing_Registration.pdf

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