



July 2021

Dear Families

Covid 19 – Autumn Testing Arrangements (Year 7)

We are unsure about the Covid situation we will be facing in September, so we want to be prepared for all scenarios. Subject to public health advice, we plan to offer each student two tests on site before continuing regular testing at home. Testing is important because staff and students without symptoms could be carrying the virus and may spread it to others. Testing staff and students without symptoms supports school to operate as safely as possible. As this will be your child's first test in school, please can you submit your consent via the [COVID Consent Form](#). The data privacy notice can be found on our [website](#), along with information on how to take a swab and a link to a YouTube video, so test subjects can familiarise themselves with what to expect.

The testing programme site for Henry Box students and staff will be based on-site in the Mary Box Room. Tests will be based on self-swabbing, with the processing and other roles being undertaken by school staff and approved volunteers. The test is an LFD (Lateral Flow device – Orient Gene) that gives results within 15 minutes. Any students with a positive result will be sent home to self-isolate. They will need to do a confirmatory PCR test. If that is positive then they must self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the PCR test.

When attending the school testing site, all participants (test subjects) will be asked to wear a mask unless they are exempt (a mask can be provided if the test subject has forgotten to bring one). Test subjects will need to bring their smart phone if they have one, to register for their test. On arrival at the testing hub in school, they will be asked to scan a QR code which takes them to the registration site for an LFD asymptomatic coronavirus test on the gov.uk website. They will be given a barcode for their test by the Registration Assistant. If they already have an NHS login, they will need to know it for this process. If they don't have an NHS login they can either set one up as part of their registration for the test, or register for the test without a login. Testing subjects are required to do their own swab. All testing subjects will have one on one support from the Testing Assistant, who will talk them through the process and offer support and reassurance. Once your child has taken the test, they will receive the result in 15 minutes. If they registered for the test with their own device the results will be sent to them. If the school registered them, a staff member will inform them of the results if it is positive.

A student may decide not to attend the test even though consent has been given. Consent can be withdrawn at any time by emailing office.4050@henrybox.oxon.sch.uk

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LFD testing of Year 7 students will start on Thursday 2nd September (Test 1). Please ensure that your children arrive on time and do not gather in groups before or after the test, in line with Government guidance. If your child is very anxious, one parent/carer may attend with their child (again wearing a face covering, unless exemptions apply).

Year 7 students will have their second LFD test on Tuesday 7th September, which is their first full day at school. Tutors will Year 7 students of their appointments and the Student Support team will be available to help students locate the Mary Box Building.

The timetable of appointments is shown below:

Thursday 2nd September TEST 1	Covid Test Appointment Please arrive in the allocated time slot for your House
Year 7 – Churchill	9:00 - 9:35am
Year 7 – Newton	9:35 - 10:15am
Year 7 – Nightingale	10:15 - 10:55am
Year 7 – Redgrave	10:55 - 11:25am

Tuesday 7th September TEST 2	Covid Test Appointment Please arrive in the allocated time slot for your House
Year 7 – Churchill	9:00 - 9:35am
Year 7 – Newton	9:35 - 10:15am
Year 7 – Nightingale	10:15 - 10:55am
Year 7 – Redgrave	11:30 - 11:55am

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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