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Dear Parents/Carers

### CORONAVIRUS MASS TESTING - MARCH 2021

In January 2021, you completed a Consent Form for your child to undertake Lateral Flow Testing for COVID-19 at Headlands School.

On the 22 February 2021 the Government announced students whose parents / carers have consented to the tests taking place must undertake x 3 Lateral Flow Tests within the first two weeks of returning to school on Monday 8 March 2021.

The Lateral Flow Tests are carried out by students using a self-administered swab of the nose and throat, and completed during lesson time. Results are shown within 30 minutes to an hour.

Positive results will be shared directly with students and parents / carers via Year Leaders.

If a student tests positive using a Lateral Flow Test, then you will need to follow national guidance and the student will need to self-isolate for 10 days. Household members will also need to self-isolate but for 10 days. Students will also need to take a confirmatory Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test. PCR tests will need to be arranged at a local NHS testing station. If the PCR test result is negative students can return to school and household members would no longer be required to self-isolate.

Please be aware that for students who are in the same year group as someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 are likely to be required to also self-isolate for 10 days. "Live" lessons will then resume.

We have also been advised students will also be provided with Lateral Flow Tests to complete twice per week at home. The results of which parents / carers will be responsible for uploading the data onto the NHS Track and Trace website and completing the Google Form under 'Parent Information' on the Headlands Website.

A reminder, testing is voluntary and only with your consent.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bone  
Headteacher

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