



Dear Parent or Carer,

Re: Christmas and January testing arrangements and nasal flu vaccination

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme.

We are unsure about the Covid situation we will face over the Christmas period and into the New Year, so we want to be prepared for all scenarios. Should information change over the festive period we will update parents and carers as soon as reasonably possible. The most current guidance outlines the following:

Testing over the Christmas holiday:

Staff and students over this period may wish to take a rapid lateral flow test in situations where they are more likely to catch or spread COVID-19. This includes spending time in crowded and enclosed spaces, or before visiting people who are at higher risk of severe illness if they catch COVID-19. Please note there is currently a national shortage of LFD’s but we will endeavour to distribute whatever stock we have.

January return:

In accordance with Public Health advice and the DfE, testing is expected to restart on return in January. We will offer your child **one** test on-site before continuing regular testing at home. As a result all testing will be offered on **Wednesday 5th January**. Your child should only attend school on Wednesday for their allocated period of testing, if consent has been obtained. Your child should receive their test result within 24 hours. If it is negative your child may attend school on Thursday 6th January. We will also be offering the nasal flu vaccination for students in years 7-11 on the same day for those who have consented.

Students are required to attend school at the following times on **Wednesday 5th January**. **Students should wear full school uniform and must wear a face covering.**

Time	Year
9am	7
9.45am	8
10.30am	9
11.15am	10
1pm	11
1.45pm	12&13

Your child may enter through either gate to the school but should make their way to the Sports Hall. We cannot confirm how long the process will take but expect the students to be able to test and receive their flu vaccine (if consent received) in approximately 60 minutes.

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Your child will need to register their unique barcode in order to receive the results of their LFD test. To do this, they will need to have important information with them when they complete their test. Ideally, they will also need access to a smart phone to complete the registration onsite. On this day they have permission to bring a smart phone to school for this purpose only. Your child will need to record the following at registration:

- name
- gender
- date of birth
- ethnic group
- parent email address (to receive test results)
- parent mobile phone number (to receive test results)
- home address

Nasal flu vaccine:

Nasal flu vaccines will also be made available to all students in years 7-11. The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year or they won't be protected.

This year the consent process is electronic. In order to access the online consent form, please click on the following link <https://clchschoollimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

You will need to enter the unique code for our school. The code is **CL137075**

Please submit your form before the NHS team are due to visit the school to ensure your child receives their vaccination. Online consent will **close by 12pm the day before their visit** so you will be unable to complete the form after this time.

Face coverings

Since 30th November the Government have recommend that face coverings should be worn by students in year 7 and above, staff and visitors in communal areas, unless exempt. This is a temporary measure. Students in year 7 and above must also wear a face covering when travelling on public transport. In addition, we will continue to permit the use of face coverings if a student (or member of staff) wishes to wear one in the classroom.

Hand Hygiene

Students should continue to ensure that they clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.

Further information about our procedures and protocols for COVID- related actions are available on our school website [here](#) including some frequently asked questions. Please note that these are subject to change in response to the latest government guidelines. We will support our staff and students throughout, but please contact us if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,



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