



Our Reference: CTALET17/LH

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Dear Parent/Carer

LFD testing

Thank you to all parents for your support on the CCHS testing day on 5th January. Out of 1054 students tested, a very small number of asymptomatic cases were detected via the supervised LFD tests and appropriate actions taken. This highlights the importance of continuing with the twice weekly testing on Wednesdays and Sundays; LFD home testing is a vital tool in helping to keep our school and entire community safe. Students were issued with a test kit to take home which should have contained a further six tests. It was disappointing to see that some of these had been discarded as students left site, especially as they have recently been in such short supply. If your child did not return home with the LFD test pack, please let us know and if we have any to spare we would be happy for you to collect them from reception by notifying us in advance; please email admin@cchs.school

Visiting the school site

Recent guidance from the Department for Education indicates that all visitors to schools are now required to complete and register a negative Lateral Flow Device test immediately prior to any visit to site. Therefore, with this in mind, if you are attending a meeting with a member of staff, please ensure that you complete a LFD test before you come to school. This will help us all to stay safe and mitigate the risk of spreading the virus to both teaching staff or other support staff colleagues.

Temporary changes to testing requirements & possible reduction in period of isolation

You may be aware that the government has introduced temporary changes to testing due to the high levels of Omicron cases across the UK. From 11th January in England, people who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19.

Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed. For additional information on what to do from day 6 of a positive test, please check the [latest advice on Covid testing issued by the government](#) or go directly to <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/confirmatory-pcr-tests-to-be-temporarily-suspended-for-positive-lateral-flow-test-results>

Changes to Parents' Evenings – Spring term

- Year 10 parents' evening on 13th January will now only be virtual and from 3.30pm-6.30pm.
- Year 11 parents' evening will be moving from 3rd February to the 10th February.
- Year 9 parents' evening will now be on 17th March. (NB year 8 & 9 dates have swapped around.)
- Year 8 parents' evening will now be on 5th May.

Sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused with any forward planning.

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