



Ellesmere Park High School

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July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re Onsite testing of students in September

You may already be aware that from 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

Although the latest guidance issued is very positive as it means that we are no longer required to send home 'bubbles' or 'close contacts' testing still remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools.

Over the summer, staff and secondary pupils should continue to test regularly if they are attending settings that remain open, such as summer schools and out of school activities based in school settings. Regular testing will then pause in schools over the summer if they are closed. However, testing will still be widely available over the summer and kits can be collected either from your local pharmacy or ordered online.

Testing of students upon return to school in September

As students will potentially mix with lots of other people during the summer holidays, the government have advised that all secondary school students should receive **2 on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, upon their return to school in the autumn term.**

Consent

As many parents/carers have already given consent for their child to be tested this year we are not requesting this again, however, if you did not give consent during the testing that took place in March & June and wish to do so now please complete the consent form below.

If you wish to withdraw your consent please email ephsgeneral@consilium-at.com by 27th August.

Staggered return to school

Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th September- staff training days as per school calendar

Wednesday 8th September- Year 7 & 8 to return (school starts at 8:45am *first bell at 8:40)

Thursday 9th September- Year 9, 10 & 11 to return (school starts at 8:45am *first bell at 8:40) *Year 7 & 8 also in school

Consent Form

Only to be completed if you have not already given consent for your child to be tested:

Please can you complete the electronic consent sent form below by **Friday 27th August**. If you have more than one child at school please complete one per child.

[CLICK FOR CONSENT FORM- PLEASE COMPLETE ASAP](#)

If you have any questions about the testing please contact the school office in the first instance.

We thank you for your continued support and wish you a healthy and happy summer break.

Yours faithfully,

Mr I Ross
Headteacher