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Friday, 18 December, 2020

Re: School Settings Return in January 2021 & Rapid Covid Testing

Dear parent/carer

Following yesterday's government announcement regarding a phased return to school of secondary school aged students, I am writing to confirm that as an alternative provision school we will be offering a full provision for all of our students from Tuesday, 5 January, 2021.

Also, to support public health efforts during the return to school in January 2021, we will be offering students and staff access to additional coronavirus (COVID-19) testing from the first week of January. This will help deliver the national priority of keeping as many pupils and teachers as possible in school beyond the start of term, minimising the spread of the virus and disruption caused by coronavirus (COVID-19) cases arising in education settings.

This will be done with lateral flow device tests. These tests provide a result within 30 minutes and it is planned to administer the testing on a regular basis such as weekly/ bi-weekly.

If the student's first test is positive, they will be asked immediately to self-isolate and have this positive test confirmed with a standard Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test, which the school can provide (they take more time because they are usually processed in a laboratory). If the student's first test is negative, they will be tested again 3 days later. If this test is positive, they should self-isolate and confirm this with a PCR test.

As a school we would encourage that students / parents' consent to the testing, but ultimately participation is optional.

If you would prefer that your child is omitted from the testing, then we would appreciate if you could call our school office 01282-882150 on the 4th January 2021 to confirm that. If we haven't had this confirmation, then we will take that as approval to include your child in the testing.

If you require any further clarity regarding any of the above information then please feel free to email me through enquiries@theheightsburnley.com.

In closing, I would like to wish all students and their families a very happy & safe Christmas.

Mr David Bury
School Business Manager

