



3rd January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year to you all.

You will have heard, in the press, that secondary schools are being asked to roll out mass testing from 4th January 2021. You will also be aware of previous communications from me.

I have set up a webpage: tottenham.bury.sch.uk/lateral-flow-testing which explains the process of testing and the timeline to which we plan to work. At the moment, everything is subject to change and so the timeline is merely a guide at this stage. We will be in touch during the first part of this coming week when we are clearer. One of the reasons for this is that the necessary testing equipment is not, yet, in school. In addition, staff have to be trained to administer the tests and this will be taking place this week.

The tests are voluntary, but parents/carers are asked to give consent for these tests to take place. The premise is that, if asymptomatic carriers are confirmed, then the risk is reduced for everyone.

If you are happy for your child to be tested, please complete the consent form on the webpage and click the 'Send Consent' button. There is a privacy notice on the webpage for your information, too.

The idea is that students take two tests, three to five days apart. Therefore, most students will be required to visit school twice before they return in order to complete the tests. Once you have completed the consent form, school will be in touch with you giving you a date and a time for your child to visit school for the tests. They will take the test and return home again.

Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly with staff and students participating. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be informed.

Please bear with us in terms of this initiative. It is something that we have been asked to do as part of a national screening programme, and we have things to do to prepare for this process. Work is well underway, but we will need flexibility and understanding from parents so thank you, in advance, for this.

As you know, there is much speculation and potential change ahead. Currently, we are working on the basis that Year 11 will return to school on Monday, 11th January and that other students will return to school on Monday, 18th January. If anything changes, I will communicate this with you.

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Never have I seen so many new initiatives and directives being placed on schools and I must thank my colleagues, and the Shaw Education Trust, for their support over the Christmas break.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Brett', written in a cursive style.

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