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Dear Parents/Carers,

Dormers Wells High School - NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for students in school

Registration

To process COVID-19 'lateral flow' tests, we need to register all participating students. To complete this registration please fill in the form which includes agreement to the consent statements and will be sent to you separately.

What if my child tests positive?

Participating students who test positive will be informed about their results individually. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be notified and will have to collect their child or give permission for their child to leave school as soon as possible to commence the self-isolation period at home.

Students will need to take a further 'PCR test' (similar to those done in local and regional testing sites) on the same day (or as soon as possible). You can go to www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119 to book a follow-up test. If ordering a PCR test yourselves, you should choose to visit a drive-through test site if possible, as it is faster than requesting a home test.

During this time while they wait for the PCR result (via text/email) your child will need to self-isolate.

If the PCR test returns a positive result your child will have to self-isolate for 10 days from the test and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

What happens if the test is negative?

Your child will be able to stay in school and resume their activities as normal. A student will only be told if the 'lateral flow' test result is positive, so if you do not hear you can assume it was negative. A small number of students may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason.

What if a close contact at school tests positive?

A close contact of someone in school who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be able to stay/return to school if they agree to be tested once a day for 7 days and the test is negative. If they do not want to take the test, they will need to self-isolate as per the national guidelines. This does



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not apply to household members or close contacts outside of school who will still need to self-isolate. Further details will be provided at the time, but if you would prefer your child to self-isolate instead of doing daily testing, they can.

What if my child develops symptoms?

This testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (such as a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

Yours faithfully

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