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Dear Parent/Carer

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child to SWCHS in September. You may be aware that the Government have said that all secondary aged students need to be tested on their school site before fully starting their school year. We will therefore be testing the incoming year 7s at SWCHS on Thursday 2nd September 2021.

We will be using lateral flow device tests provided by the NHS. These tests involve the students being supervised doing a self-administered simple nose and throat swab, which will then be processed by trained processors in school.

On Thursday 2nd September, students will come into school at a designated time (as detailed below) and then, following their test, they will leave the site immediately. They do not need to wear school uniform on this day. Please make a note of these times. If you are not sure of your child's tutor group, please contact the school office.

1st Test - Thurs 2nd Sept	
7LXH (Hayes)	09:00
7RCA (Adams)	09:15
7LB (Bailey)	09:30
7SXL (Lock)	09:45
7IDC (Clark)	10:00
7EHR (Reed)	10:30
7AJM (McIlwaine)	10:45
7JSD (Dunning)	11:00
7NAC (Chamberlain)	11:15
7JXD (Duddy)	11:30

Students should arrive on site 10 minutes before their slot via the Copperfields entrance off. They will be directed past the school field to the testing centre, where they will need to line up at a 2m distance with members of their tutor group. Please see attached map.

After their test, students will be marshalled to leave the site immediately (again, using the Copperfields exit). This whole process should take approximately 15 mins per tutor group. If you are dropping off your child, please remain in your car in the Copperfields car park whilst your child is tested.



Students will bring their testing barcode home with them. Parent/carers will then need to register this on the NHS website in order to receive the test result (straightforward instructions will be provided). In the event of a positive test, a member of staff will contact parent/carers on Thursday 2nd September.

Assuming they test negative, students will return to school for their first full day on Friday 3rd September. This will begin with students meeting their tutor on the school field at 8:40am and full school uniform should be worn.

In order to undertake this testing, we will need consent from parent/carers. Please could you therefore complete the following form by no later than 9:00am on Tuesday 20th July.

Link to consent form is [HERE](#)

The Government have also advised that, during the following week, students will need to have a second test at school, which will take place during tutor time on Tuesday 7th September.

We are sorry that your child's first experience at SWCHS will be to have this test! We hope, however, that it will be reassuring for parents and students to know that this important measure is taking place to make the start of term as safe as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Norman
Deputy Headteacher

