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Dear Parents and Carers

At the start of the new term, it is likely that we will need to carry out in-school lateral flow tests on all new students in Year 7 to detect any presence of Covid-19 before starting home testing. We are therefore planning to carry this out on the Year 7 Induction Day on Wednesday 8 September as part of the programme for the day.

We have converted our fitness suite into a functioning Covid-19 testing site and as you may be aware we have already carried out mass testing on our school community and therefore we have trained staff and embedded procedures for doing the tests.

Currently we understand that we may have to test our Year 7 students twice and we plan to do that on Wednesday 8 and Friday 10 September. This may be subject to change but we are awaiting final guidance from the Department for Education to clarify the specific details.

I am therefore writing to seek parental consent by completion of the Consent Form linked below for lateral flow Covid-19 testing using the nasal swab technique. Whether you consent for your child to receive this testing or not we would like a response from you as you have the option to decline on the form.

[LINK TO CONSENT FORM](#)

The benefit of initial mass Covid-19 testing is that it helps us to keep a Covid-19 secure environment at DHSB.

If you have any questions about the lateral flow tests or consent please contact me by email:
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Using the nasal swab technique, the process is painless and very quick and the result is obtained within 30 minutes. For students this will be an assisted test and all school staff carrying out the testing have received full and thorough training.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that this testing has the desired effect to keep all students in school as much as possible over the forthcoming months.

Yours faithfully



Becky Edwards
Deputy Headteacher