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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Covid-19 Update – Summer 2021**

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme. The government is continuing to request that your child tests twice weekly and that you report the results to the NHS until the end of the summer term.

The Covid-19 testing programme is being paused for all secondary school students over the summer. Year 6 children who will be joining us in September do not need to test over the summer even if they are attending our summer school. The government has advised that all students including the new Year 7 intake resume regular testing in September.

### **Covid-19 Testing**

Currently the government is requesting that we offer your child two supervised tests on site in September. Your child will then be expected to continue with regular testing at home. These tests will be brought home from school by your son/daughter. However, public health advice from the government is often subject to change and we will let you know if we get any updated guidance.

### **Reporting Test Results**

You must report your child's test results to the NHS, even if their result is negative or void. Reporting results is easy by either visiting [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result) or calling 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language.

Please inform the academy, if this result is positive. Any positive result should be communicated to us by calling 01270 661223 or emailing [admin@theoaksacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@theoaksacademy.co.uk).

### **Onsite Testing and Giving Consent**

We are planning to test Year 7 as part of their rescheduled New Intake Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, whilst the rest of the school will be tested on their return the following week. We need for you to give your consent for this lateral flow testing to take place within school. This can be done by completing a short Microsoft Form on the website. Please visit [www.theoaksacademy.co.uk/lateral-flow-testing/](http://www.theoaksacademy.co.uk/lateral-flow-testing/).

Yours faithfully,

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