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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: LATERAL FLOW TESTING – CONSENT REQUIRED

Following Government guidance, all secondary school pupils are being asked to carry out two lateral flow tests for Covid 19 on our return in September 2021, this includes new year 7 pupils. We now have experience in delivering these tests at school, it is a very simple process using a throat and nose swab and staff will be on hand to support all pupils.

The first lateral flow test will take place for pupils on Thursday 2 September, for those who have given consent. We intend for the second lateral flow test to take place on Monday 6 September. These tests will take place during the school day. Pupils will remain in school on these days and will be out of lessons only briefly for their tests.

Following this pupils will be given lateral flow test kits to bring home and asked to continue testing twice weekly under your supervision.

The primary contact information we hold on our records for your child will be used to register and communicate the test result. If any of this information has changed recently, then please contact the school office with any updates office@newman.cumbria.sch.uk

Please bear in mind the scale of this testing and that at any stage it could be altered due to changes in Government guidance. We will inform you of any changes as soon as we can.

Other important information:

- If the result of the test is positive you will have to collect your child from school and are advised to arrange for your child to have a follow up PCR test and follow national Covid guidelines.
- If your child has had a positive test result in the last 90 days, they should not be tested until after this time.
- Pupils with symptoms on the day of their test should not come to school for the test but instead book a PCR test at a testing centre.

Please can you follow the link below to let us know that you give consent by 3.00 pm Friday 16 July.

Please follow this link: [Lateral Flow Testing Consent Form](#)

Yours sincerely

Mr J McAuley
Headteacher