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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Re: mobile testing unit in school next week

Following a rise in positive covid cases in the academy this week we are working with Lancashire County Council and The Department of Education to quickly identify any further asymptomatic cases. What this means, is that we have requested a mobile testing unit on the school site from Monday next week to give all members of our school community the opportunity to have a PCR test. As you will know, these tests are more accurate than the lateral flow tests we are doing at home.

The testing unit will be run entirely by the local authority and their healthcare professionals. If you wish to take a PCR test you will be offered the opportunity, you do not have to be showing symptoms to take up this offer of testing. If you would like to do this, please follow the instructions and link on our website.

As the tests are different from the lateral flow tests that we have done previously, we will need all students who are participating in testing to have a new consent form signed by either their parent or someone with parental responsibility. We are commencing testing on Monday 11th May so it is essential that, if you have consented, your son/daughter returns their consent form on Monday. Returned consent forms should be taken to the main office before school on Monday.

I would like to thank you for your support in completing lateral flow testing and keeping our community safe.

Kind Regards,

Mrs H McClurg (Principal)

