

Dear parents and carers,

Secondary age pupils (Year 7 and above) are being urged to test twice (with lateral flow devices) before they return to school following the Christmas break (in the government's language 'should' not 'must' which doesn't make it a legal requirement, just something they are strongly advising).

However, for many reasons, our pupils do not engage with the same level of mixing with other people that pupils in mainstream settings might. The guidance also acknowledges the complexities and anxieties that the process of testing can cause pupils who attend special schools.

As with many other special schools we are asking parents and carers to do this at home as we will not be doing any testing in school. Therefore, we are asking that, if your child is in Year 7 or above (regardless of their vaccinated status) they complete two LFD tests before they return to school, 3-5 days apart. But in truth, any tests that you are able to do would be great.

If you would like to read any of the government guidance this is 'Rapid asymptomatic retesting in specialist settings' last updated on 14th December 2021.

If you require any testing kits we have some available. Please contact school via reception@ashlea.notts.sch.uk if you would like a box sent home with your child

Thank you for your continued support and we hope that you have a wonderful break and enjoy Christmas.



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