

CWA/LDA

3 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Lateral Flow Device Testing at the Start of the Spring Term**

First of all, I hope this correspondence finds both you and your respective families well.

Over the past week, the Department for Education (DfE) have stipulated they would like to see students in Years' 7-11 conduct a single lateral flow device test on their school sites before they start back for the Spring term on **Wednesday 5 January 2022**. However, to avoid any potential further disruption to their education, any unnecessary travel and potential close contact, and whilst considering those who continue to partake in the testing programme now know how to do this, Plume Academy will be offering our families the opportunity to conduct this pre-return test at home as well as at the academy.

Therefore, **from 2pm – 3pm on Tuesday 4 January 2022 in the sports area of our Fambridge Road Campus**, we will be setting up a facility for any students whose parents/carers wish them to test at the academy to do so. Staff members will be on hand to support any students who turn up to test and we anticipate this taking no more than the usual 30 minutes. The academy would also make immediate contact with the parents/carers of any student who were to return a positive test.

If you would like your child to test at our Fambridge Road Campus on the afternoon of Tuesday 4 January 2022, please access the following <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LFTjan22> and complete the short questionnaire **by 4pm on Wednesday 15 December 2021**. Please note we will not be able to support the on-site testing of any student whose parents/carers do not access and complete the questionnaire, however.

Please also note the final three points:

- Any student who has previously tested positive for COVID-19 need not test again for 90 days.
- They may need to test sooner, however, if they develop symptoms during the same 90 day period.
- If your child is due to come in and test on the afternoon of Tuesday 4 January 2022 but develop any symptoms prior to doing so, they should not come in and test.

Thank you in anticipation of your usual level of consideration and support, and have a pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely



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**Executive Principal**

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