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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **COVID-19 Asymptomatic Testing in Schools**

Thank you to all that attended our Virtual Transition Evening last week. Whilst it would have been great for parents/carers to have been able to come into school, I hope you still found the event informative and useful. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort to Carleton High School next week on either Monday, 19 or Tuesday, 20 July. We have planned an exciting day to give them a taste of what they can expect in September.

## Start of Term - September 2021

Following the announcement made by the Prime Minister earlier in the week, schools will be subject to different rules from Monday, 19 July. A key part of the new guidance is how schools approach the start of term in September. The government's announcement includes the requirement for secondary schools to offer two on-site lateral flow tests, taken 3-5 days apart, to all students who wish to be tested as part of their return after the summer break. This will not be a condition of return, but all students are encouraged to participate.

The tests are voluntary and will not take place without your consent. To give consent, please visit <a href="https://carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk/y7covidconsent">https://carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk/y7covidconsent</a> read the information and complete the online form by <a href="mailto:9am on Monday">9am on Monday</a>, 19 July.

To allow a seamless transition back into school for all year groups, the two lateral flow tests will take place prior to all students returning to school on **Wednesday**, **8 September**. The two lateral flow tests will take place on **Friday**, **3 September and Tuesday**, **7 September** and your child will be required to attend on both dates **between 8:00am and 9:30am**.

Please ensure that you provide a correct and up-to-date mobile number and email address on the consent form as we will send a reminder of the time to attend on Friday, 3 September on Thursday, 2 September.

Students do not need to wear their uniform and should enter the school through the main student entrance where they will be directed to the testing area by a member of staff.

Should you have any queries, please contact us via email on <a href="mailto:admin@carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk">admin@carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk</a>.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Cross Headteacher

