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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will have seen in the news and heard locally, this half term has been significantly disrupted by the increase in cases of Covid-19. We have had a number of cases of Covid reported to us since half term and during this last week we have been tracing contacts on an almost daily basis. We are sorry for the inconvenience this is causing families and we look forward to a change in the guidance for September that means this level of disruption may reduce. We need to continue to trace any contacts of positive cases of Covid-19 up until Sunday 18th July. If students test positive up until that date please let us know via covid@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk and we will let any close contacts know as soon as we can over the weekend and on Monday, if this is not possible.

We have been working through the new guidance for September that we received last week and are planning for the two on site lateral flow tests when we return to school. We know from previous experience that this will require many staff to be involved in testing so we will be staggering the start to the year to make sure testing is safe and that the start to the year for all students is smooth. Our initial plans for this are in the table below.

Day	Date	Testing	In school
Wednesday	1 st September	Years 12, 13	
Thursday	2 nd September	Year 7, 8, 11	
Friday	3 rd September	Year 11, 9, 10	Year 7 & 12
Monday	6 th September	Year 7, 12, 13	Years 8 – 11
Tuesday	7 th September	Years 8, 9	All
Wednesday	8 th September	Years 10, 11	All

It is important to stress that all plans are subject to change at short notice due to any last minute government directives but that we will do our best to keep you up to date with any changes and will aim to minimise disruption as far as we can.

The Lateral Flow Devices are slightly different this time and only require students to do a nasal swab, which we hope will be less unpleasant for students. For parents/carers of our new Year 7 intake, we recommend that you come with your child as this will be their first experience of Trinity School; we think it will be comforting for your children to have you with them for the test, even though it is not necessary. We would also like you to have the chance for a quick tour on the date of the first test as many of you may not have been inside Trinity School yet! Details will follow later in August.



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We do need to collect consent again and would ask that you do this using the electronic form from the link below. We will send this again in late August as a reminder.

[Consent form for September LFD testing in school](#)

We have taken lots of positives from this year and we do plan to keep some of the changes we have made due to the pandemic in the new academic year. I will write to you again at the end of August with updates about this, some general start of term information and to confirm the arrangements for the staggered start of the term and testing.

To finish, I would like to once again thank parents/carers for your superb support this year. Your messages, emails and phone calls of support have helped us to stay positive as we have undertaken many tasks not related to education as well as keeping learning going through periods of closure, isolation and interruption. I would also like to congratulate our students who have been amazing throughout this time, wearing masks, sanitising hands, following a multitude of extra rules in order to keep their friends, family and our staff safe. We are proud of their attitude and look forward to a time when they will get back to a more normal school environment.

With very best wishes for a relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely

Jo Hawkin
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