

Monday 24th May 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Surge testing – update

As you are aware I wrote to you on Friday explaining that along with all secondary schools in RBKC and Westminster, we were asked by Public Health England to test all students and staff this week. This was due to Public Health England concerns about the transition of new variants in West London. Over the course of Friday there was considerable communication and concern from headteachers about the impact of testing on the smooth running of schools. Therefore we have been permitted to run testing as appropriate for our schools.

Today all Year 10 and 12 students who have given consent, completed a supervised lateral flow test. We are asking all other students to **continue with self testing at home**. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of this. On www.testregister.co.uk there are currently over 500 students showing as having a test due. Many of these are overdue by 45 days or more. Please can I strongly urge you to ensure that if your child is in Years 7–9, 11 or 13, that they self test at home today and the result is recorded with TestRegister and with the NHS C-19 website. **In addition, please remember that all students must take a LFT prior to returning to the Academy on Tuesday 8th June.**

If you need any support with a LFT and would like the Academy to ensure your child has a LFT on site, please let your child's Head of Year know. There is a list of local test sites [here](#) if you would prefer to do this option.

Thank you as ever for your support. It makes a real difference as we continue to do our bit to keep transmission of the virus to a minimum.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron
Principal