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1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

**Re: Autumn Term Testing Update**

Dear Parent,

Further to my letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> August, and in accordance with Government guidance to offer pupils the opportunity for two on-site tests, I have decided to open the Academy on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September**, exclusively for on-site testing.

The Asymptomatic Test Unit (ATU) is set up in the Academy's Sports Hall and will be open from **8.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.** No appointment is necessary.

As previously stated, the testing process is not compulsory. If you consent, please complete and return the [Consent Form](#) to [Reopening@eastwood.southend.sch.uk](mailto:Reopening@eastwood.southend.sch.uk) In the absence of a completed consent form, or if you have e-mailed the Academy and explicitly stated 'consent not given', the Academy will record that your child does not want to partake in the testing programme.

If you have made alternative arrangements regarding testing, you only need to notify the Academy in the event of a positive test result. In such instances, please e-mail [notify@eastwood.southend.sch.uk](mailto:notify@eastwood.southend.sch.uk)

Any pupil with a positive Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test result should self-isolate for 10 days and book a confirmatory PCR test. If the PCR test is taken within two days of the positive LFD test, and is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the pupil can end their self-isolation and return to school.

From **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**, subject to a delivery from the DfE, pupils will be issued with home testing kits for the duration of the testing programme. The test itself is a [Lateral Flow Device \(LFD\)](#). In terms of administering the test, please watch the following [LFD Self-Testing Video](#).

If you have any questions or require any further information, please refer to the [Covid-19 FAQ](#) or e-mail [Reopening@eastwood.southend.sch.uk](mailto:Reopening@eastwood.southend.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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