

17 September 2021

Dear students, staff, parents and carers,

### **PCR Testing**

Following an additional meeting organised by the Kent County Council Public Health Team yesterday, and given the number of positive COVID cases within the school community, we are asking all members of the Weald community to order a PCR test. These can be delivered to your home or you can attend a test centre if that is more convenient to you.

The link to order a PCR test is here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

I have ordered mine this morning, and whilst cumbersome, the system is relatively straightforward.

When the website asks you why you are requesting a test you need to select "I've been in contact" and then "I found out another way". It will give you the option to order additional tests for members of your household, which we recommend you consider.

The aim of these additional PCR tests is to catch as many positive cases as possible before the infection spreads further within the school community. The measures already shared with you are still in place for the time being, including twice weekly LFT tests which we recommend are taken on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

For those members of the community who are currently isolating as a result of positive PCR test, there is no need to take an additional PCR.

Additionally, it is with regret I need to inform parents and carers that our MacMillan Coffee morning will no longer be open to visitors. The morning will now be organised by form group. Students should still get baking so they can share cake with their form friends and raise money for an excellent cause.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I apologise for any disruption these additional tests and measures are having.

Yours sincerely,



**Mrs E Bone**  
Headteacher