

# Kirkbie Kendal School

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Dear Parents and Carers and Year 13 Students

Since my letter of 18<sup>th</sup> December school has received limited information from gov.uk. We now know that the test kits will be arriving sometime on 4<sup>th</sup> January. This is later than we had expected, in addition the training materials have not yet been made available. Therefore the testing plans have been amended - apologies for any inconvenience this causes.

**Year 13 tests will therefore NOT be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.** We are hoping that everything will be ready for self-testing as early as Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. We will provide you with an update on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. The tests are free, voluntary and the students self-test. Students over 16 may give self-consent, students under 16 need parental consent. The link below provides a reminder on how to provide consent. We believe it is a good idea to get tested and encourage participation when the opportunity is provided.

<http://www.kirkbiekendal.cumbria.sch.uk/filedownload/A9622E91-F751-3433-257C7BFAC679326B.pdf/edulink-instructions--how-to-provide-parental-consent-for-cv19-test--18.12.20.pdf>

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 remains an INSET day** for final planning and training school staff for the testing process, to prepare the testing area, arrange logistics, and test school staff.

**Reminder - Teachers will set work on Google Classrooms for students to complete at home from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

If you are a critical worker and require your child to be supervised between 8.45 am and 2.55 pm, completing the online work, then please email [hronan@kksa.co.uk](mailto:hronan@kksa.co.uk) with the days that you require. If it is safe for your child to work from home, then they should do so. Children of critical workers and vulnerable students will be supervised from 8.45 am onwards, kept socially distanced from other students and will be offered tests at the earliest possible time. If the test result is positive, then students will need to be collected or allowed to walk home directly to start isolation with their household and carry out a second test. If this result returns negative, then students may return to school and household isolation stops. If the second test result returns as positive students will need to self-isolate for 10 days with their household. There will be catch-up testing sessions available for children of critical workers not in school on Tuesday.

**Please be aware that as information is still arriving these plans are subject to change**

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Hyman  
Headteacher