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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your son into our community here at Finchley Catholic High School in September.

I am writing to outline a couple of changes to our plans for September because of the requirement to offer Lateral Flow Tests for incoming Year 7 students. Current students at our school began testing in March of this year and have continued to undertake tests at home since then, but primary pupils have not had to undertake these tests routinely in the same way.

So we can support our community staying safe, we are arranging for our new Year 7 cohort to be offered two tests before they stay on site for their induction day. This will mean that we are asking Year 7 students to come to school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, to undertake their initial test.

Here is the link to the form we are asking you to complete which will give your consent ahead of the test being undertaken.

<https://forms.office.com/r/zfinwf435v>

I have also attached a letter explaining how to register for the test result to be received by you at home. All students who attend for a test will be given a card with a barcode, which has to be registered by you at home, to access the result of the Lateral Flow Test which we will upload here at school.

We ask that boys in Year 7 attend for their test on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, at the following times:

7 Bampfield	9.30am
7 Bourne	10am
7 Feckenham	10.30am
7 Fisher	11am
7 Challoner	11.30am
7 More	12 noon

If students come to the front gate in Woodside Lane, staff will meet students, register them and escort them to the classroom which is set up for testing. Students do not need to wear their uniform on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, as they will only be on site for a few minutes. Below is a link to a very short film we made for our students earlier this year to explain to them what is involved in these very simple, straightforward tests.

<https://youtu.be/KCpSsQHixk4>

We are also attaching an information sheet which explains the procedure as well.

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I turned my heart to know and to search out and to seek wisdom

We will then invite boys back on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September to have their second test. As we obtain the results to these tests within 30 minutes, we will keep the boys on site for the remainder of the day so they can have a slightly amended induction day. For this second round of testing, we are asking that the students arrive at the front gate at the following times:

7 Bampffield	8.30am
7 Bourne	8.50am
7 Feckenham	9.10am
7 Fisher	9.30am
7 Challoner	9.50am
7 More	10.10am

On this occasion, as on all other days, we expect the boys to come in full school uniform. They will finish at 3pm, which is the usual end time for the school day. From Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, as with all other students, Year 7 will be expected to arrive in time for an 8.30am start to the day.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation with these amended arrangements. I know you will understand and appreciate the reasoning for the adjustments we have made. I hope you have an enjoyable and restful summer break and we look forward to meeting your son on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

With every good wish



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Headteacher