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Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to inform you that we have started plans in regards to COVID testing on students in preparation for their return to college on Monday 8th March 2021. In college we have successfully tested all staff and students attending college who have provided consent.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and students to remain in college safely. Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms. By testing we will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our college open as safely as possible. The test is voluntary, but I would encourage everyone to take it.

When your child has been tested by us you will receive an email with the results, please note you do not need to inform us of this result. We have noticed on some occasions results haven't been received, please do not be alarmed if this happens we will contact you if your child's result is positive to provide more guidance, as your child will be required to self-isolate for 10 days.

If you haven't provided the college with an up to date email address please note we will only contact you if there is a positive result or if there has been an issue with the test.

If you are happy for your son/daughter to be tested when they are in college, but haven't yet given consent please fill in the consent form [here](#) (one per student).

We are asking all students to come in to college W/C Monday 1st March during an allocated time to get tested in preparation for their return to college. Testing will take place in the Tunstall Active building (what used to be named High Tunstall Life Centre), students should arrive directly to this building at their allocated time and must not enter the main college building. All timings will be communicated to all students and parent/carers via Teams and through our text messaging service, My Ed. However, the following dates that the testing will take place are as follow:

Year 7 – Thursday 4th March 2021

Year 8 – Friday 5th March 2021

Year 9 – Thursday 4th March 2021

Year 10 – Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Year 11 – Wednesday 3rd March 2021

When students come to get tested they must only arrive at their allocated time and no earlier, we are asking that all social distancing measures are followed and that they wear a

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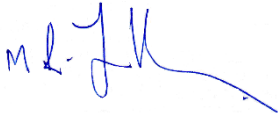
mask. Students are not allowed to arrive in large groups and must return home after their test.

Once students return to college on W/C Monday 8th March, they will complete two more COVID tests, 3-5 days apart. Please note after this students will be provided with home test kits to complete twice a week at home (further details in regards to home testing will be communicated home closer to the time).

If you have any questions regarding testing in our college please contact Mr Pickford, Assistant Headteacher at the college or via email dpickford@hightunstall.hartlepool.sch.uk.

If you wish to amend the consent you have already provided please contact Hazel Crowe, Office Manager via email hcrowe@hightunstall.hartlepool.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M.R. Tilling', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark R Tilling
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