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Dear Parents/Carers,

IMPORTANT: Coronavirus testing

I write to you following government announcements regarding mass testing of staff and students in secondary schools, potentially starting next week (11th January 2021). The testing is for those without coronavirus symptoms using new, quicker COVID-19 tests known as 'lateral flow tests'. Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and students to remain in school safely. 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 school open as safely as possible. The test is voluntary, but I would encourage everyone to take it.

Consent is needed for pupils and students younger than 16 years - this form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian. **Please complete one consent form for each child.**

The consent form.

<https://forms.gle/LzNfR7nLiMK1uros8>

Please see further advice on the school website <http://www.longhill.org.uk/about-us/covid-19-information>

Anyone experiencing symptoms should follow [government guidelines to self-isolate](#), even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test.

I hope you all stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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