Edwinstree Middle School

Voluntary Controlled Church of England School

Headteacher: J Gant

2nd March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Y8 or Y7 student with a sibling in Butler or Mills at Freman College

Below is the timetable indicating when your child is expected to arrive for their first Lateral Flow Test [LFT] at Edwinstree. Students will only attend school to take their test, then return home. **All students can now fully return to school on Wednesday 10th March.**

	Mon 8/3/21	**TEST 2** Thursday 11/3/21	**TEST 3** Tuesday 16/3/21
Butler and Mills siblings	Siblings should come to Edwinstree at the same time as their brother or sister is being tested at Freman.	Students to have their second LFT during the school day.	Students to have their third LFT during the school day.

To help you manage children at both Edwinstree and Freman complete a test, please use the same time that Freman have allocated you to test your younger child at Edwinstree. For example if a GCSE child had an appointment with Freman at 12:15pm on Monday 8th March, drop your Edwinstree child off at the same time.

Please drop your child off at Edwinstree reception gates at the allocated time. Please make sure the students are prompt. On arrival, follow the one-way system signposted to the upper playground. A member of staff will help them to line up at 2 metre socially distanced intervals before to entering the Gym testing area. Once the test has been completed, they will exit and follow the signposted one-way system and meet you outside school.

Am I allowed to accompany my child into the test area?
Unfortunately, no we need to help reduce risk of infection. Please agree to drop you child off at the gate and meet outside the school, remaining socially distanced from others.

How long will the test take? Your child should be no longer than 45 minutes

What if my child becomes anxious, will you make them complete the test? Not at all, we will be compassionate and caring in our approach. Having tested all Y7 and Y8 students in school twice, we can confidently say that our approach has been supportive and student behaviour has been excellent.

What happens at the end of the test? Your child exits the school and returns to home. They return to school on Wednesday 10th March.

When will their 2nd and 3rd test take place? Please see the Timetable above

What happens after the third test? The Government has promised a delivery of home testing kits to hand out to the students. We have very limited information on this yet and will keep you updated. However, the Government is clear after 3 negative tests and with your support, your child will be proficient to test themselves at home. We would agree that students in school are becoming confident in the testing process.

Yours sincerely

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