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Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus (COVID-19) rapid asymptomatic testing on-site at Ivybridge Community College, 4 – 7 January 2022

In line with government guidance, Ivybridge Community College will be commencing on-site COVID-19 testing from 4 January 2022. We are writing to students, parents/carers requesting consent for this testing. Those students who are aged 16 and over are required to complete their own consent. The College has taken the decision to not roll-on consent from previous testing on-site. Without completing the consent form below, students will **not** be tested.

The consent form can be found <u>here.</u>

One form is required for each student attending the College. The consent process will close at midnight on Monday, 3 January 2022 and after this time you not be able to apply for, or amend consent. The Westcountry Schools Trust Privacy Notice is on the College website <u>here</u>.

You will receive results for the test through details already registered with the College and if you believe these to be incorrect, please update the record we hold by using the SIMS Parent app before Monday, 3 January 2022.

All students are strongly advised to carry out a lateral flow test 24 hours prior to returning to College, even if participating in on-site testing.

The on-site testing programme is for students without symptoms. If a student develops symptoms at any time (such as a high temperature, a new continuous cough, loss or change to sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate and book a PCR test by calling 119 or visiting <u>https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test</u>

Our plans are subject to the current government advice, which you should be aware may change prior to January.

Please see previous correspondence for details about our staggered return to College and expectations during the holiday and into the new term.

Yours sincerely

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