Dear Parents and Carers,

START OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS – JANUARY 2022
YEARS 8, 9 and 10

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme. Please continue to encourage your child to test twice weekly and report the results here Rutlish Home Test Results as well as on the NHS website Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) If you would like further LFD test kits your child is able to pick a box up from the Manor House next week.

The school will be carrying out lateral flow testing for all students at the start of the Spring Term, as announced by the Government.

COVID TESTING IN SCHOOL
Your child's testing day will be **Thursday 6 January 2022**. Please make sure your child attends at the time stated below.

If your child has had a positive PCR test within 90 days of their test date in January, they are exempt from having to take a lateral flow test.

Students not taking part in testing do not need to attend school on test day, however, they will have to attend their on-line lessons, (please see overleaf).

Date	Tutor Group	Year 8 time	Year 9 time	Year 10 time
Thursday 6 January	Argonauts	8.30am	11.30am	2.15pm
	Romans	8.50am	11.45am	2.30pm
	Spartans	9.10am	12.00pm	2.45pm
	Trojans	9.30am	12.15pm	3.00pm
	Carthaginians	9.50am	12.30pm	3.15pm
	Kelts	10.10am	12.45pm	3.30pm
	Parthians	10.30am	1.00pm	3.45pm
	Vikings	10.50am	1.15pm	4.00pm

Students:
- must arrive at the Watery Lane entrance and will be directed to the Hall
- wear a face covering (unless exempt)
- should not arrive earlier than the time given
- can wear their own clothes
- return straight home once their test is completed to attend their on-line lessons (please see below)

Consent:
- If you have not previously given consent for your child to be tested and you now wish to do so, please complete the form Rutlish Consent Form
- If you have already given consent, there is no need to re-consent and your child can attend at the time below.
- If you wish to withdraw your consent, please complete Withdrawal Consent Form.

Test result:
Parents/carers and students will be informed as soon as possible (usually within 30 minutes) if the student has tested positive or if the test was void.

For students with a positive result parents/carers will need to arrange for a PCR test to confirm the result: Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

While students wait for the PCR result they will need to self-isolate. Students can return to school if the result is negative. If the result of this PCR test is positive, the student and household members will need to follow Government guidelines.

Please inform school when you receive the PCR test result using the absence line 020 8254 3314 or email Rutlish.Absence@rutlish.merton.sch.uk.

LEARNING ON 5 & 6 JANUARY:
Lessons for Wednesday 5 January and Thursday 6 January will be delivered on-line via TEAMS. Please see the attachment for additional guidance on on-line learning.

Wednesday 5 January 2022		
	Learning/teaching	
Year 8, 9 and 10	TEAMS lessons Period 1-5	
Thursday 6 January 2022		
	Testing	**Learning/teaching**
Year 8	Period 1 - 2	TEAMS: P3, P4, P5
Year 9	Period 3 - 4	TEAMS: P1, P2, P5
Year 10	Period 5	TEAMS: P1, P2, P3, P4

FRIDAY 7 JANUARY
Students should arrive at school as usual for 8.30am in full uniform for the first full day of face to face lessons, in school.

HOME TESTING
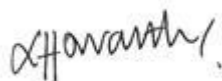Students will be given a home test kit to use from Sunday 9 January.

We recommend testing on a Sunday and Wednesday evening or Monday and Thursday morning and continue this routine throughout the Spring Term.

What if my child develops symptoms?
This testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (such as a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss of change to your sense of smell or taste) please book a PCR test Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

We will support staff and students throughout and please contact us if you need this information in another language or format or if you have any questions. You can contact the school during term time on 020 8542 1212 or by email administration@rutlish.merton.sch.uk .

Yours sincerely,

Ms Howarth
Headteacher