



Dear Parent/Carer

### **Commencing School in the Autumn Term – Consent for COVID-19 Testing**

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to Harrogate High School, part of Northern Star Academies Trust, in the Autumn term.

We are unsure about the COVID situation we will face in the Autumn, so we want to be prepared for all scenarios. Subject to Public Health and Department for Education advice, testing is likely to restart on return in the Autumn. If it does, we expect to offer your child two tests on-site before transitioning to regular testing at home.

The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy, using a swab of the nose and/or throat depending on the type of test and are self-administered by pupils. Trained staff will oversee the swab process. This is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. We are mindful of the fact that this will be one of your child's first experiences at their new school, so we will have staff on hand to support your child's wellbeing.

Results will take around half-an-hour to process from testing. Positive results will be shared directly with students participating. Where participants are under 16, parents/carers will also be informed.

Please also find via the link a specific [COVID Testing Privacy Notice](#) which lets you know how your personal data is being used and kept safe, along with FAQs relating to Data Protection.

#### **Providing Consent**

To take part in the testing, we require consent from parents/carers for pupils who are in Year 11 and below.

Please complete the on-line consent form, by clicking [here](#), to let us know if you would like your child to participate in the on-site testing.

**Year 7 students whose parents/carers have consented to testing will need to come into school for their first test the day before their first full day at school as follows:**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September (students to be tested then go home – no uniform required)  
12.30pm-1.30pm**

If you have any questions, please email [admin@harrogatehighschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@harrogatehighschool.co.uk).

Yours faithfully,

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**Mrs L Greenwood**  
Head of School.

