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Dear Parents/ Carers,

All children in Cumbria Academy for Autism are eligible for the 'Lateral Flow Testing' test which is being required nationally for secondary pupils in **all** schools, provided the appropriate recorded consent is given. The more of us who get tested, the more we can stop the spread of COVID-19. We are working in partnership with Cumbria County Council, NHS and partners to deliver Lateral Flow testing at our school.

We will be testing all the staff on Monday 4th January using the Covid tests with their consent given. This test involves taking a swab from the back of the throat and from up the nose. This process may be uncomfortable for some people but shouldn't hurt. The staff administering will have been trained to help give the test to both adults and children. Results will be available approximately 30 minutes after the test has been taken. Any staff with a positive result, will be asked to leave school and seek a further PCR Test to confirm their positive result. Whilst waiting for this, staff and their household would need to self-isolate in accordance with current government guidelines.

As you can appreciate, any staff member testing positive could have a significant impact on our staffing levels and ability to remain open safely. It is with this in mind, that we have had to make the decision that we will remain closed for a further day in January (Tuesday 5th January 2021).

On this date, (Tuesday 5th January 2021), we will be inviting families into school to have their child tested using the lateral flow system. Due to the vulnerability of our students and the difficulties that may be encountered when administering such a test, we feel that it is imperative that parents support their child through the process.

We would like to ask you to attend school with your child during an allocated time slot - further details regarding this will follow via email.

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Once the test is completed, it will be processed on site. You and your child should leave school and we will contact you with the results on the same day of the test. If the test is positive you will then, like staff, need to arrange a further PCR test as your result will be fed into the NHS Track and Trace system.

School will resume again on Wednesday 6th January 2021 for all children, providing their results have come back negative.

Although difficult for some children, we would encourage everyone to give consent and support their child to take the test so that we will all know that the site is as safe and secure as it can be after the Christmas break.

Further information on PCR tests can be found here.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/types-and-uses-of-coronavirus-covid-19-tests/types-and-uses-of-coronavirus-covid-19-tests>

To enable your child to participate in this testing please complete the attached consent form and return it to school or bring it with you on the day of testing. You can alternatively return the form by email to r.aindow@cumbriaacademyforautism.org.uk, or you can fill in consent online on the following linked form: <https://forms.gle/3jENVuMzStYbd2CN6>

We thank you for your continued support and hope that you can see the value of this process.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Aindow

Head Teacher

CONSENT FORM

Lateral flow test for Coronavirus/Covid-19

Please complete this form and return it to school by Monday 4th January 2021. If we do not receive your recorded consent, your child will not be tested.

Please let us know the following details for registering the test kits:

Child's full name (first name and surname):	Home address and postcode:	
Date of birth:	Mobile:	Email address:

I consent for the information above to be used to register my child's test kit box

Consent for Coronavirus/ Covid-19 Test. (Please complete either box below for YES or NO and return form).	
YES , I give consent for my child to be tested for Coronavirus/ Covid-19 I give consent for a trained staff to support the administer of the test	NO , I do not give consent for my child to be tested for Coronavirus/ Covid-19
Name	Name
Signature Parent/guardian	Signature Parent/guardian
Date	Date
If 'No' please give reason(s)	
<p>Thank you for completing this form.</p> <p>Please return it to the school by Monday 4th January 2021</p>	

