

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH
Tuesday 13th July 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I would like to send you my good wishes to you and your families and I hope you are all in good health. Please see below information that is important for you to read.

Mass Testing Consent Forms

The school will be implementing mass testing of students on their return to school on Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September and then again on Monday 6th September. Testing is important because students without symptoms could be carrying the virus and may spread it to others. By administering the test it will help us to keep the school operating as safely as possible.

New, simple and quick tests, known as Nasal AG Rapid Tests, enable us to rapidly test students, without the need for a laboratory. These tests are slightly different to the ones students took in March 2021. The Nasal AG Rapid Tests only require a nasal swab, this means we now can get test results in 15 minutes instead of 30 minutes. Students no longer have to do a throat swab.

It is important to note that the tests will not be administered by staff. Your child will take the test under the guidance and supervision of trained staff who will collect the sample and process the results.

To enable the school to carry out the testing process with your child your consent is needed, unless your child is over 16 and they have discussed it with you.

Tests cannot be administered to any student that:

- Has not provided their written consent.
- Does not give their consent.
- Has given their consent but changes their mind.

Please click the relevant letter below to download the consent form:

[CLICK HERE to complete this form if your child will be in Year 8, 9, 10 or 11 as of September 2021](#)

[CLICK HERE to complete this if your child will be in the Sixth Form – Year 12 or 13 as of September 2021](#)

When you click on the link, please click **SAVE AS** and save your form as Consent Form and then add your child's name and the year group they will be in in **September 2021**. For example **CONSENT FORM CASSANDRA PITTS YEAR 8**.

Once the form is completed, please save and then send the consent form to:
consent@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org by Friday 16th July 2021

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If a student does not have consent it will simply be recorded as “The school does not have consent.”

The testing process is an important part of the Government’s plan to control the spread of Covid-19. We will test your child on site twice – either Thursday 2nd September or Friday 3rd September and then again on Monday 6th September. Once two on site tests have been taken, we will then revert back to the lateral flow home testing devices that you have been using this year.

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Notice If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Ruth Holden
Executive Principal