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Dear Parent/Carer

**Covid-19: Testing for Year 7 Students**

I am writing to you with information about how we will be running the Covid Testing Programme at North Oxfordshire Academy for Year 7 students who start at the academy in September.

In line with government guidance, all students and staff in secondary schools are being urged to have a test for Covid-19 before they return to school after the summer break. The test will involve a throat and nose swab and will only take a few minutes. It is proven to be perfectly safe and the test will tell you if your child is carrying the virus that causes COVID-19, even if they are not showing any symptoms.

A student will only be told if they test positive, so if you do not hear you can assume the result was negative. A small number of students may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason.

Students who test positive will be informed about their results individually and, if they are under 16, you will also be notified on the same day.

Taking part in the testing is optional but I would urge parents to ensure that their child participates.

To register, please complete the consent form by clicking the link below.

<https://bit.ly/3hUU1vD>

We would appreciate receiving your completed online form as soon as possible.

Students in Year 7 will be tested on Friday 3 September. You will receive a text with your child's test time nearer the date. If you have not received an appointment by 1 September, please contact the school.

Thank you in advance for helping us to keep our whole school community safe. We ask that you continue to follow the most recent government guidance to keep you and your family safe.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming your child to their first day at NOA at 8.20 am on **Monday 6 September**.

Yours sincerely

Alison Merrills  
**Principal**