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21 May 2021

Dear Parents

We have received the message below from the Local Authority:
'Public Health England and the Director of Public Health, Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, have asked us to contact all secondary schools in the Burnley and Pendle districts regarding the re-establishment of on-site testing in light of the increasing cases of the variant of concern. The secondary schools in these districts are being asked to re-establish on-site asymptomatic testing from Monday.

We appreciate that you have had no notice regarding this request, and also the additional pressure this places upon you and your staff. Thank you in advance for your support with this request.'

As you will be aware, we do have experience in carrying out testing and are planning to start testing individual class bubbles throughout the week from Monday 24 May 2021.

It is concerning that cases of the new variant appear to be on the increase in Burnley. Whilst we are continuing to operate according to our risk assessment, could I ask you to re-emphasise with your child the importance of social distancing, increased hand hygiene and the use of face-masks.

If you have previously consented to your child being tested, your child will be tested next week. If you no longer give your consent, you must complete the withdrawal of consent form by using the below link by Sunday 23 May 2021.

[Withdrawal of consent](#)

You will only receive notification of the result should your child test positive.

Many thanks for your support

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher