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Dear Parent/Carer

25 August 2021

I would firstly like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to St Marks Academy. I look forward to building strong relationships with you over your child's 7-year journey with us.

Over the past academic year, we have worked tirelessly as an Academy to protect our community and support our students and their families. We will be undertaking LFT testing with all of our students in line with current Government Covid guidance. Testing will take place in the Academy in our testing centre which is situated in our gym. It will be overseen by our designated Covid members of staff from our student support and inclusion teams. All students undertaking a test will be fully supported by St Marks staff members so that they feel informed and confident when administering their test.

Students will undertake **two LFT tests** over a 5-day period and will register their completed tests at home with your support. Appropriate guidance will be given to students with their test barcode to ensure a smooth experience for all parents/carers with the registration process. The LFT tests which students will be undertaking **will only require a nose swab** and will no longer need a throat swab.

All parents/carers are required to complete the Microsoft Form detailed below and must stipulate if they are giving or withdrawing consent for the LFT testing process. It is important that the form is completed prior to your child's attendance on Friday 3rd September. Please use the link below, there is also a link on our website.

<https://forms.office.com/r/n518RZp0GX>

If you have any concerns or questions that you would like to ask please contact me directly at: AGallagher@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk

I hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer holiday and that your families remain safe. Welcome to our St Marks community.

Yours faithfully,

Ms A Gallagher
Senior Vice Principal of Behaviour and Attitudes & Personal Development

Principal Hannah Fahey



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