

## THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carers

I am writing to provide you with details of the second of three rounds of Asymptomatic Covid Testing that we are undertaking as part of our full reopening of LNS. For Years 9 and 10 this will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March, and for Years 7 and 8 this will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Please note, testing is not compulsory and students may return to school even if you, or they, have not given consent for them to be tested.

To enable the testing to take place in a safe and secure manner students will be tested in year group bubbles. It is anticipated that all testing will be completed during the first two periods of each day. Students should attend the lessons as normal and will be collected at the appropriate time by members of staff. Unlike during the first round of testing, your child will not be required to remain in the testing suite waiting area after they have completed their swab. Instead, students will return directly to lessons.

The testing being provided is designed to identify asymptomatic cases of Covid 19. As such, it is important that your son should only undertake testing if he is well. If your child is displaying symptoms we will not be in a position to provide a test. In addition, your child should not take the test if they have tested positive for Covid in the last 90 days as this could lead to a false positive result.

If your child is showing symptoms associated with Covid 19, including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste, they should not attend school to take an asymptomatic test. Instead they should immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <a href="https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test">https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test</a>.

Results will be sent directly to you via the contact details you provided on the consent form, or in the case of consent provided by email via those held on the schools system. You will be notified by the NHS as we upload the results to their portal. If your child tests positive they will need to self-isolate for 10 days and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

The third of the three tests undertaken at school will take place for Years 7 to 10 on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

If you have any questions regarding the testing process please contact the school through <a href="mailto:admin@Ins.org.uk">admin@Ins.org.uk</a> and we will be happy to provide further clarification.

Yours sincerely

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