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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is fantastic to have students back in school but the Government requirement for testing is making it very difficult for the school and the students. Following our return, we have had 8 positive cases in school. Each case has resulted in approximately 35 students having to self-isolate. As most students are in school there will be no live online lessons for these students. Instead, relevant work will be set on Microsoft Teams for independent study.

We are experiencing too many cases being identified even on their third test. The staggered start was put in place to facilitate every student being tested three times within a two-week period and to enable students to return to school promptly. However, the virus is still with us and we must continue to be cautious. We are going to make a major change from our original plan in response to the number of cases that have been identified.

The final lateral flow test for each year group in school still needs to take place. The details of how this will happen are outlined below:

- **Tomorrow Friday 12 March.** All year groups will be in school **except Years 9, 12 and 13**. They will come into school, take their test, and go home.
- **Monday 15 March.** All students in school **except years 7 and 10**. They will also come into school, take their test and go home.

**(Note:** Students who are already self-isolating will not be tested and must continue to self-isolate).

We are not able to teach online live lessons for these two days and instead work will be placed in the self-isolation folder on Teams for independent study.

This is not what we envisaged, and our plans did not consider that the second and third tests would identify this number of positives. I apologise to those parents who already have children at home isolating for 10 days.

## What will happen now?

Years 8 and 11 have had their first test and these students have now been given home tests so can continue in school.

- **Friday 12 March Years 9, 12 and 13** will attend their appointment for their lateral flow test, see below instruction on how to do this, they will have their test, and go home. They will also receive their home testing kit at this time. **Years 7, 8, 10 & 11 will attend school as normal unless students have already had to self-isolate.**
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## How can I book a lateral flow test for my child?

This will be the same process as last time. The booking system can be found on [Insight](#) where parents evenings are booked. Your username will be your parental email address (not your child's). You will see that there are teachers assigned to each test. They are not the people who will administer the test, this is just how the system is set up. Teachers simply act place holders for the nine testing bays in use.

## When can I book a lateral flow test for my child?

You will be able to book your lateral flow test via Insight from 4.30pm this evening.

**Year 7 parents** – You will be booking your parents evening sessions from now. You may have to use the toggle function on Insight to book both the parents evening and the lateral flow test. You will see further information on how to do this on the last page of this letter.

If there are any issues with booking your test through Insight, please contact Mr Graham by emailing [j.graham@ralphallenschool.com](mailto:j.graham@ralphallenschool.com)

I appreciate that this is this late notice and I understand how frustrating it will be to those students who are having to self-isolate. These restrictions from the government are correct and are about safety. We have changed our plans to reduce the impact on our students. This has resulted in a lot of extra work for us, but we feel it is necessary for the greater good.

Thank you for your support and patience during this time.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Greenhough'.

**Andy Greenhough**

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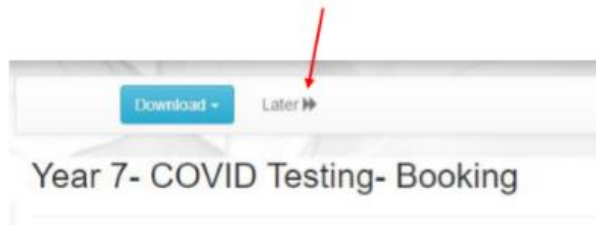


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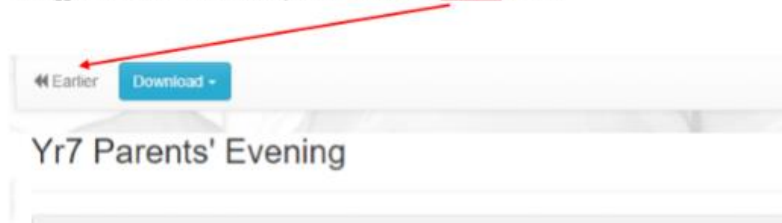
## Toggleing between Events

When you click on the parents' evening icon there might not be as many teachers as you were expecting to see, this is because when there are multiple events open simultaneously, they are organised chronologically. You may need to toggle between events. You do this by looking at the top of the page for the button that says **'Later'**.



The word 'Later' in this context means a later date rather than a later time.

To toggle back to an earlier event, you can click on the **'earlier'** button.



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