

15th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

in light of some increased clarity from the Secretary of State for Education, I am now in a position to write to you about Covid testing arrangements for the start of the next academic year.

When students return in September, we will be running our Asymptomatic Testing Site again, as we did in March. Students with consent from March will take two Lateral Flow Device tests in school, any student, where consent was not previously provided but would like to do so now, can do so by completing the consent form at this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/F3MEwLRr3J>

Testing will take place over the first week and no student will be tested without consent. Students are encouraged to continue with home testing throughout September and we will provide test kits to be taken home on the 09th and 10th of September..

Any student displaying symptoms of COVID 19 should not attend school and must take a PCR test.

Over the summer, staff and secondary pupils should continue to test regularly if they are attending settings that remain open such as summer schools and out of school activities based in school settings. School will only provide tests for twice weekly asymptomatic testing for pupils and staff over the summer period if they are attending a school setting.

However, testing will still be widely available over the summer and kits can be collected either from your local pharmacy or ordered online.

Testing Schedule

06/09	07/09	08/09	09/09	10/09
Y7 Y11	Y8 Y9 Y10		Y7 Y11	Y8 Y9 Y10

How the tests work

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff and volunteers. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose and throat. Students administer their own test with the guidance of staff. Positive results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly with the individual participant using the details provided on the consent form the school will inform the student and parent of any positive test result. A text/email notification of a positive result from the online NHS system will be provided using the details submitted in the registration process.

What if my child tests positive?

If a student tests positive on a lateral flow device test they must follow national UK guidance - stay at home and take a PCR test. If the PCR test is negative they can return to school.

What if students have been in close contact with someone in school who tests positive?

From the 16th of August 2021 Students under the age of 18 will no longer be required to isolate if they are in close contact with a positive COVID case. Instead, students will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

We will support our students throughout, but please contact us if you have any questions at all

Yours faithfully,



Miss M Green
Head of Academy