



Lateral Flow Testing for Covid-19 before returning to school

Guide for parents and students

March 2021

Why are we testing for Covid-19?

To help the safe return of students to school during the week beginning 8th March 2021, students are expected to complete a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) in school. The more students who take a test, the more likely it is that we will detect those with Covid-19 but who have no symptoms (asymptomatic cases) and so reduce the spread of the virus.

The tests are quick and not painful. Many hundreds of tests have been completed by key worker students since January. However, we understand that some students may need reassurance so we will ensure **familiar staff will be on hand** to guide them through each step of the process.

Who should attend for a LFT?

To complete a LFT, parents must have **signed the consent form** found [here](#). If you have already done this, there is no need to complete it again. Any parent withholding consent should not complete the form, but their child can still attend school when face-to-face teaching resumes.

Students who have tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 90 days from a PCR test need not be tested and should not attend the session, as they may generate a 'false positive' result.

Students must **NOT** attend school for a lateral flow test if they have either:

- they have a high temperature;
- a new continuous cough or;
- a loss or change to their sense of taste or smell,

in which case they must self isolate and [book a Covid test](#).

When should I come to school for my LFT?

A timetable for testing sessions is at the end of this document. If you have difficulty attending this session, please contact your year leader who will make alternative arrangements.

What should I do before I leave home?

The registration process has several steps, but this is much quicker and more accurate if you set up an [NHS login](#). (You must be 13 years or older to create an account). This also means you will be much faster when entering test results at home as we switch to twice-weekly home testing.

If you do not have an NHS login you must make sure you know your full address **including your postcode, your or your parent/carer's mobile phone number, and your email address.**

You do **not need to wear school uniform** for the first test between 5th and 9th March.

You must bring:

- A face mask
- Your mobile phone (though you can still take a test if you do not have one)

Remember to **maintain a 2m distance from others** at all times when travelling to school, when in school and when returning home.

Where should I go when I arrive at school?

Please enter by the bottom gates and walk towards the Performing Arts block. Staff will then help you get to P01 or P02 for registration. Tests will then be conducted in D block hall.

When will I find out my result?

The NHS will usually notify you of your result by text and/or email **1-2 hours after taking the test**, though it can be longer. We are not able to control this but **we will always call home if your test is positive** to offer further advice, so if you are not contacted by school **you should still attend** when teaching resumes.

What happens if my test is positive?

We will call you to let you know and you must self isolate with your household for 10 days. No extra PCR test is needed to confirm this. We will also work with you to find out any close contacts you may have outside your household.

What happens for the second test when we are already in school?

You will leave lessons when asked and take a test, returning to class afterwards. We will then remove you from your lesson if your test is positive to be sent home, along with close contacts from that day.

When will home testing start?

We are awaiting further details from the government but anticipate that parents will need to supervise home testing twice a week from Monday 15th March. Further details will be issued in due course.

I have further queries about LFTs, what should I do?

Please email **Mr Bush** at sbush@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Timetable for Lateral Flow Testing

Time	Friday 5 March	Monday 8 March	Tuesday 9 March
8:00	11LWM	10SDT	7SJT
8:20	11KOR	10LRS	7HGS
8:40	11ACE	10LRR	7JHS
9:00	11PAS	10EWE	7JCK
9:20	11LMD	10IGN	7FLD
9:40	11EGN	10DMY	7PWX
10:00	11HDN	10JFG	7RSH
10:20	11AMS	10DGN	7TMT
10:40	11TRN	10AVE	7THR
11:00	11JMR	10KHL	7BDS
11:20	12/13GSE	9SBP	8CHD
11:40	12/13MBD	9ADN	8EWS
12:00	12/13LBE	9HGN	8HWN
12:20	12/13MBH	9JSN	8KPE
12:40	12/13ACR	9LST	8MTE
13:00	12/13ADT	9MHY	8OSE
13:20	12/13AHN	9MJN	8SKN
13:40	12/13SHK	9OBO	8SSY
14:00	12/13RLN	9RWN	8SWB
14:20	12/13MPR	9SOL	8ZAA
14:40	12/13SRS		