

17th March 2021

Dear Parent

As many of you will be aware, following the latest Covid-19 guidance from the government, all students will need to carry out lateral flow tests at home twice a week until further notice.

A Lateral Flow Test (LFD) is a simple and established device, designed to detect proteins (antigens) that are present when a person has COVID-19.

Your child will be given a Lateral Flow Test kit by the school after they have had their third LFD test in school.

In order to supervise and support your child with the testing process, it is important that you act on the following:

- Read the attached **privacy notice** to understand what will happen with your data (please find privacy notice attached).
- Read the **Instructions for Use booklet** issued to your child with the test kit (please disregard the instruction booklet inside the test box and use the version that was handed to your child with the test kit box).

Please be aware:

If your child is aged 11 you will need to help administer the test; if your child is aged 12-17, they can swab themselves but you should supervise them doing this.

Your child will be familiar with the system for testing because it replicates the testing which they have been taking part in at school. The guidance for this has also been shared with all students via a PDT session this week; and this information is also available on the school website and via the linked How to Guide.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jYv0MjFyllbzgPn_1S10OuRgfrj_b5_P

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>

Written consent is not required for home testing, as completing the test provides consent.

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Your child does not need to carry out a lateral flow device home test if they have had a positive Covid- PCR test result in the last 90 days.

Whilst participating in testing is voluntary we would strongly recommend all our students to be involved and help keep Covid-19 out of our school community. If you would like to access testing yourselves, please visit the link below for information on your nearest test sites.

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-information-and-advice/covid-testing-nhs-test-and-trace-service/rapid>

When should tests be carried out

Tests should be carried out on Sunday evenings or Monday mornings (before school) and Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings (before school).

Reporting your child's result:

It is essential that you report the results of your child's tests to the NHS and the school every time you take a test, even if the result is negative or void.

Please use the following links to report your test results:

NHS <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

The Compton School

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-MbWFmWfCk-8iTMAaF8NZBh4EVDaowBEpfjSGJ5hWzVUMUZKT1paQjkySU4yQU5MQUFPSzVTVEdVRi4u>

If the result is positive:

If your child has a positive result you will need to follow the national guidance, self-isolate and book a PCR Covid test for your child as soon as possible.

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-information-and-advice/covid-testing-nhs-test-and-trace-service/rapid>

If the result is negative:

If your child has a negative result, they do not need to self-isolate and should attend school as normal.

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If the result is void:

If the result is void, child should take another LFD test. If your child receives two void tests in a row, you should book a PCR test for them and not allow them to attend school until you have received the result, and then follow the steps above.

Incident Reporting (Clinical and non-clinical):

Clinical issue

If there is a clinical incident which led to or has potential for harm, you should report it on <https://coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk>

This is not for seeking immediate medical care. Medical care should be sought through the usual route of contacting 111 or 999.

Examples of clinical issues are a swab breaking in the mouth, bleeding, allergic reaction on using the kit etc.

Non-clinical issue

For incidents occurring at home, you are advised to report any issues (something damaged, or missing or difficult to use in the kit, unable to log result etc.) to 119.

An example of a non-clinical issue would be missing items from a test kit.

Any queries

If you have any queries regarding the home- testing, in the first instance, please contact your child's Year Manager (Years 7-11); or your child's Pastoral Leader (Years 12 and 13).

As always, I cannot thank parents and students enough for their ongoing support during the pandemic.

Yours sincerely



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