



5 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 return to school - asymptomatic testing

We are very much looking forward to seeing students return to school next week and we highlight below important information regarding asymptomatic testing.

Plan for testing students

We will be testing all students and staff as per the consent forms completed using Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs). Up to one third of people who have coronavirus are asymptomatic i.e. they have no symptoms and are therefore unaware. Testing all staff and students upon their return, will help keep us all safe by breaking a chain of transmission within our community.

Students will be tested three times in school, with each test three to five days apart. Following the completion of the three tests, students will be given a home testing kit to complete tests twice a week at home. Further information regarding the home testing will be shared shortly.

Students will be completing their lateral flow tests in school as follows:

	Date		
Year	First Test	Second Test	Third Test
11	Monday 8th March	Thursday 11th March	Monday 15th March

Note

- **All buses will run from Monday 8 March including the X4s and North Somerset services from Long Ashton.**
- **Students are expected to bring their PE kit on the day of their first test.**
- There will be no provision from the school canteen at breaktime; children should avoid eating or drinking in school before they are tested. Please remind them to eat breakfast before leaving home. The canteen will be open as normal from lunchtime once all tests are completed.

How the tests work

Students will be supervised by trained staff and parent/carer volunteers. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the throat followed by the nose - [video guide for students](#).

Registration

1. Your child will be given a registration card when they are tested
2. When they return home, register their test on the [Test and Trace website](#).
3. Scan the barcode found in the top right hand corner of the card. **The test must be registered on the day of the test.**

Results

Results take around half an hour from testing. We will only inform your child if their test result is positive or void.

- **Positive test result** - your child will be informed and asked to isolate in school as we contact parents/carers and ask you to collect your child. Your child and your household will then be required to isolate for 10 days.
- **Void test result** - the student will be asked to complete the test again in school.
- **Negative test result** - we will not inform your child of a negative result. If they do not receive a positive or void test result after 30 minutes, their result is negative.

FAQs

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

The staff member or student will be notified that they are a close contact by the school and will need to self-isolate for 10 days in line with [government guidance](#).

What if my child develops symptoms?

This testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate and book a test by calling 119 or visiting

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

My child has had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days. Should they test using the lateral flow test?

If your child has received a positive PCR test within the last 90 days, we understand that this could produce a positive test result and so completion of the test in this scenario is optional. Please inform your child's Head of House if they have received a positive PCR test within the last 90 days.

Further government information regarding the asymptomatic testing programme can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your support with our testing programme. Please continue to be vigilant for symptoms and our staff will continue to support pupils throughout. Should have any questions please email school@skdrive.org.

Yours sincerely



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