



July 2021

Summer and autumn testing arrangements

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme. Please continue to encourage your child to test twice weekly and report the results until the end of the summer term.

The asymptomatic testing programme is being paused for students in secondary schools and colleges that will be closed over the summer holidays. Your child should continue to test twice a week if they are attending face to face education or activities in school over the summer.

If you or your child is not attending a setting over the summer but wish to access rapid lateral flow testing, you can continue to do so by ordering LFD test kits from GOV.UK or by collecting kits from your local pharmacy.

If your child is transitioning to new educational settings, they should start testing on arrival at their new setting in the autumn.

We are unsure about the Covid situation we will face in the autumn, so we want to be prepared for all scenarios. Subject to public health advice, testing may restart on return in the autumn. If it does, we expect to offer your child **two** tests on-site before continuing regular testing at home. Further information will be issued with regard to on-site testing.

This is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. We recognise, however, the need to minimise any disruption to education and to continue to support your child's mental wellbeing. The government will continue to review the future need for testing in light of any changes to the public health situation.

You must report your child's test results, even if their result is negative or void. You should also keep a note of and share your child's results with school. We have the [Test Register](#) where you can log a result with for school and it then prompts you to the NHS/DFE site for reporting.

Reporting results is easy. Go to [Test Register](#), log your result and this will then take you straight onto the report a COVID-19 lateral flow test result. You can also call 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language.

Testing twice weekly is helping us stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and plan our response. The preparations that schools and colleges are advised to take are subject to further public health advice and the latest position on prevalence of the COVID-19 virus.

Yours faithfully,

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