



July 2021

Summer and Autumn testing arrangements

Dear Students,

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

The asymptomatic testing programme is being paused over the summer holidays in schools that will be closed over the summer holidays. You should only participate in the asymptomatic testing programme if you are attending school over the summer.

If you are not attending the school 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.

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 you **two** tests on-site before continuing regular testing at home. Further information will be issued regarding on-site testing.

If you are transitioning to a new school, you should start testing on arrival in the autumn.

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 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 results, even if your result is negative or void. You should also keep a note of and share your results with your school. We use [Test Register](#) for this.

Reporting results is easy. Go to [Test Register](#) and this will then prompt you onto the report a COVID-19 lateral flow test result or 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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