



Frequently Asked Questions

How do the tests work?

Students will receive three tests in school and will be given two tests per week to complete at home. Students will administer the 'in school' tests themselves but will be supervised by trained staff. This will allow them to practise taking a swab so that they can administer the tests correctly at home. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose and throat. Parents/carers will receive notification of their child's test result via the NHS notification system. This may take some time. You can assume though that it is negative unless we contact you immediately after the test.

What if my child tests positive following the 'in school' tests?

If a student tests positive, they will need to isolate for 10 days at home and follow NHS guidance. Close contacts, including family members, would also need to self-isolate and follow the NHS guidance which can be found [here](#).

What if my child tests positive following a test taken at home?

If a student tests positive, they will need to book a PCR test to confirm the result. This should be on the same day or as soon as possible afterwards. During the time they are waiting for the PCR result, they will need to self-isolate, alongside the rest of the household. If the PCR test returns a positive result, they will continue to self-isolate and follow NHS guidance.

What happens if a home test is negative?

Students who test negative will be able to return to school and resume face to face learning as normal. The school should be informed of the negative result.

What happens if the test is void?

If a test is void it will be retaken.

What if my child develops symptoms?

If your child develops COVID-19 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 PCR test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/getcoronavirus-test>.

Please do not send them into school if you are in any doubt. We would ask that you always check with us first if you are unsure.