

KFA/ARI/CS/SLT/COVID/Testing Over Summer
28th June 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. To reduce the spread of the virus, we need to identify those individuals. We can do this in schools by carrying out tests at home twice every week, 3-4 days apart.

Testing students at home

Please continue to carry out lateral flow tests and report the results to the Academy on the following email addresses:

Year7CovidResults@winifredholtbyacademy.com

Year8CovidResults@winifredholtbyacademy.com

Year9CovidResults@winifredholtbyacademy.com

Year10CovidResults@winifredholtbyacademy.com

Students will be able to collect home test kits each break time from the orangery and forum from our member of staff on duty.

We would like them to take their tests before school on Mondays and Thursdays. Tests are free of charge and come in packs of 7 tests. As we are approaching the summer holidays, students can request multiple packs. Tests can also be collected from reception by parents / carers.

Taking the test

Students should take the test before coming into school twice a week. There is a leaflet with instructions in the test kit. You can put the test waste in your normal household waste bin.

Lateral flow testing does not replace symptomatic testing. If you have symptoms, you should self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

What should you do after the test?

If anyone tests **positive you, your household, any support bubbles you are part of** should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days.

You need to report your result, whether positive, negative or void, to both [NHS Test and Trace](#) and the Academy.

You should [order a confirmatory PCR test](#) if you have tested positive. The confirmatory PCR test should be taken within two days of the positive LFD test.

If the result of the test is **unclear (void)** you should do another test.

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A negative result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus. So, you should continue to follow social distancing and other measures to reduce transmission such as regularly washing your hands and observing social distancing.

If you or anyone in your household starts to show symptoms of the virus you should follow national guidelines on self-isolation and testing.

You need to report each test result

The result of each test needs to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

Why take part

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend the Academy whether they take part in testing or not.

I am strongly encouraging all students to take part. Testing at home will enable your child and other students to attend school as safely as possible.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



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