



KEEPING COVID SAFE



WE ENCOURAGE
SOCIAL DISTANCING



WE FOLLOW
TEST AND TRACE
GUIDELINES



WE ENCOURAGE
GOOD HAND-
HYGIENE



WE ENCOURAGE
EVERYONE TO WEAR
FACE COVERING



WE ARE
'COVID-19
CLEAN'



WE PROMOTE
CATCH IT, BIN IT
KILL IT

COVID TESTING PROGRAMME



From March 2021 all secondary school students are eligible for twice weekly “rapid” Covid-19 testing. This programme began with students having three Lateral Flow Device Tests in school, with trained staff showing them how to do it and what was involved. Students are then issued with their own testing kits, allowing them to carry out their tests at home. School staff have also been issued with home test kits so they too can take their own LFD test twice a week.

The reason for these tests is that many people with Covid-19 do not show any symptoms, but they can still spread the virus to others. The LFD test will identify these asymptomatic individuals, who will then be asked to let the school (and the NHS) know that they have tested positive. They, the members of their household and their close contacts will then be required to self-isolate for 10 days.

Other members of the students household is also able to get a twice-weekly test. Whilst the test kits for students will be supplied by the school, test kits for other members of their household will not. Household members can get their test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local asymptomatic test site, managed by your local authority
- by [collecting a home test kit](#) from a test site
- by ordering a [home test kit online](#)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I want my child to carry out tests at home but they did not complete all three tests at school?

If your child did not complete the tests in school they can still receive their home testing kits. Each kit comes with instructions on how to use it and how you need to record the results. We do request parents to provide their consent for the tests by visiting [the link](#) on the school website.

Instructions on how to carry out the test is on the Covid-19 testing page of the school website <https://bit.ly/3hwstestinfo>

What happens if I do not want my child to be involved in the Covid-19 testing programme?

We encourage everyone in the school community to participate in the testing programme, but it is voluntary. If you do not wish your child to be involved you do not need to take any further action. For students under 16 the absence of parental consent to the tests is enough of an indication for us to know that you do not want your child to be involved in the tests. For students in the sixth form the decision is theirs.

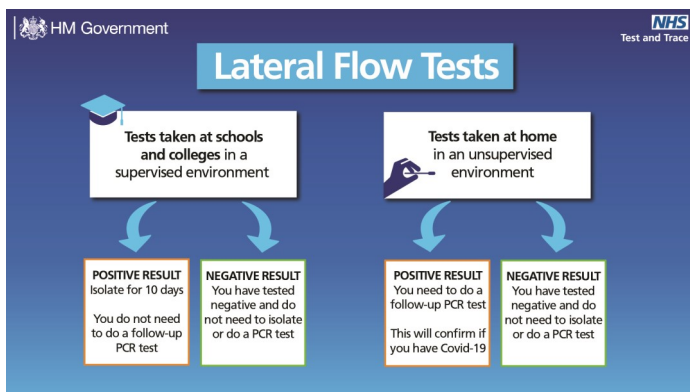
I have heard that the LFD tests are not as reliable as the PCR tests

The Department for Education say that the LFD tests are a reliable indicator of Covid-19 and the chances of a false positive is extremely low. Where the tests are taken under controlled conditions with trained staff, as they are in school, no further confirmation is required and the test result will stand irrespective of any other subsequent test. When the LFD test is taken at home, however, there is a greater risk an inaccurate result therefore, if any student, member of staff or member of a household gets a positive LFD result at home, they should report the result but also arrange to have a PCR test by following [this link](#). In the event that the PCR test is negative, this overrides the LFD test.

HOTLINE



0208 342 7975
covid@hws.haringey.sch.uk



What happens if my child gets a positive test result with a home testing kit?

If your child gets a positive test result you should report the result to NHS test and trace by calling 119 or filling in their [online form](#). You should also alert the school by calling our Covid Hotline on: 02083427975 or email covid@hws.haringey.sch.uk. If that test result is from a home test (rather than a test under supervised conditions in school or at a test centre) you should also book a [PCR test](#). The affected student and the other members of the household should then begin a period of isolation. This should be for 10 days, unless the PCR test returns a negative result. If that happens then this test overrides the LFD home test, the student can return to school and the rest of the household can end their isolation.

As soon as the school has been informed of a positive LFD test we will begin to identify the close contacts of the affected individual.

Close contacts include:

- People who have had face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within 1 metre
- People who have been within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer without face-to-face contact
- People who have been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day)

In practical terms this means, for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 all the members of their teaching group, the students sitting close to them in their tutor group and the affected individuals' friendship group if they had been close to them during breaks

or on their journeys to and from school. For students in Key Stage 4 and Post 16 it will be those who the affected individual was close to during lessons, during social time and during private study periods.

Close contacts of the affected individual will be asked to self-isolate. This would normally be for 10 days however, if the home test is overruled by a PCR test, then all close contacts will also be asked to return to school.

What happens if my child develops Covid-19 symptoms?

Covid 19 symptoms are any of the following

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child has any of these symptoms they should stay at home and isolate with the rest of the household. You should not take a LFD if you have symptoms, instead you should book a [PCR test](#). Please contact the school through the student absence line (0208 342 7970 and then Key 1) or 0208 342 7978 in the case of the sixth form so we are aware. This will help us ensure that remote learning provision is in place, and FSM vouchers are ordered (if appropriate).

If the result of the PCR test is positive please call our Covid Hotline on: 02083427975 or email covid@hws.haringey.sch.uk as we will need to identify the close contacts and ask them to self-isolate. But this is only the case if there is a positive



Negative



Positive



Invalid



What happens when another member of our household tests positive?

If any member of the household tests positive then everyone in the household will need to self-isolate. Please alert the school through the student absence line (0208 342 7970 and then Key 1) or 0208 342 7978 for the sixth form. This will help us ensure remote learning provision is in place, and FSM vouchers are ordered (if appropriate).

If my child needs to self-isolate because a member of the household has tested positive, do other students in my child's class need to self-isolate?

No. Self-isolation is based on one-degree of separation. If an individual has had direct close contact with someone who has tested positive then they are likely to need to self-isolate, but if they have been close to someone who has been close to someone who has tested positive then they are once removed from the positive individual. They need not take any action.

What should my child do at home if they have been asked to self-isolate?

Students who are otherwise health and able to work should continue to keep up with their studies whilst they are at home.

If your child has been asked to self-isolate as part of an entire teaching group then their learning will ordinarily switch to live-lessons on Google Classrooms. If the majority of the teaching group is still attending school, then remote learning will still take place but it will be through accessing material online rather than having live video lessons. Fortunately, now that the period of self-isolation has been reduced to 10 days, the impact of that disruption on a students' regular classroom learning is not as great as when the isolation period was a full two weeks.

As previously, if there is any issue with accessing remote learning please contact Mr Ashman tas@hws.haringey.sch.uk



SUMMARY

If a student or a member of staff tests positive through a lateral flow test, either taken at home, in school, or at a testing centre, the guidance for their next steps is as follows:

- Stay at home and self isolate for 10 days from the day when you had your test result
- Only if the LRD test was taken at home, book a secondary PCR test either through a home PCR kit or at a local PCR testing site
- If you develop Covid-19 symptoms within your isolation period, start a new 10 day isolation period by counting 10 full days from the day following your symptom onset
- Other members of the household should also self-isolate for 10 days
- If other members of the household develop symptoms they should arrange for a PCR test and, if positive, they will need to start a further period of 10 days isolation beginning when they first had symptoms
- Contact the school's Covid-19 hotline as soon as you find out you have a positive result with your lateral flow test. We can then begin the process of identifying "close contacts" who will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days.
- If your home test is overridden by an official PCR test then those who had been asked to self-isolate will be told that isolation is no longer required.

HOTLINE



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FACE COVERINGS

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF WEARING A
FACE COVERING IS NOT TO PROTECT YOURSELF
- IT'S TO PROTECT OTHERS.



KEEP YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, TEACHERS
AND OTHER STAFF MEMBERS SAFE
ALWAYS WEAR A FACE COVERING WHEN YOU
CAN'T MAINTAIN A 2 METRE DISTANCE

A change to the guidance from what was in place before is that now face coverings are required to be worn in all areas of the school where you cannot maintain a 2 metre social distance. This means in the classroom, as well as in the communal areas of the school.

The majority of students and staff will be expected to wear a face covering that will:

- * *cover your nose and mouth while allowing you to breathe comfortably*
- * *fit comfortably but securely against the side of the face*
- * *be secured to the head with ties or ear loops*
- * *be made of a material that you find to be comfortable and breathable, such as cotton*
- * *ideally include at least two layers of fabric (the World Health Organisation recommends three depending on the fabric used)*
- * *unless disposable, it should be able to be washed with other items of laundry according to fabric washing instructions and dried without causing the face covering to be damaged*

Students will be reminded of the correct way to wear a face covering, and that they should:

- * *wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water for 40 seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting a face covering on*
- * *avoid wearing on their neck or forehead*
- * *avoid touching the part of the face covering in contact with your mouth and nose, as it could be contaminated with the virus* change the*

face covering if it becomes damp or if they've touched it

- * *void taking it off and putting it back on a lot in quick succession*

We will check all students during line-up in the mornings to ensure that they have remembered their face covering. If it has been forgotten, then a face covering will be allocated. If this happens repeatedly a 20p donation will be requested for a school charity to purchase a replacement.

If a student breaks or loses their face covering during the day a replacement will be supplied

There will be sanctions for any student who should be wearing a face covering and does not do so, or persistently wears it incorrectly.



A number of students and staff members will be exempt from wearing a face covering for medical or other reasons (outlined by the Department for Education). These individuals will be asked

to wear a badge to identify that they are exempt.

It is important that those who are exempt from wearing a face covering wear a badge to identify this so we avoid any conflict or disagreement.

It is important that everyone understands that the guidance to wear a face covering comes from the evidence that face coverings do help to reduce the transmission of the coronavirus. We have been asked to wear face coverings to help keep everyone safe.

Please note that the school is not part of the NHS Test and Trace system. If your home test returns a positive result please inform the school as soon as possible, and follow the NHS self-isolation guidance.

Our hotline for reporting positive test results is: 0208 342 7975 and our "hot email" is covid@hws.haringey.sch.uk

