

Dear Student

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Overview

**Who is being tested and why?**

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You will need to:

- carry out twice weekly testing at home (3 to 4 days apart) before coming into the education setting in the morning
- maintain 'hand-face-space'

**IMPORTANT:** Tests are only for the use of the person assigned the kits, they should not be taken by anyone else.

This asymptomatic testing programme does not replace current guidance for those with symptoms or those identified as a close contact of a positive case. Anyone with symptoms, whether they are involved in this programme or not, should book a [free NHS test](#) and follow government self-isolation guidance until the results of their test are known. Testing also does not replace basic preventative measures such as regular handwashing, PPE and social distancing.

**Lateral Flow Testing**

- Accessible and easy to use
- No lab required, with fast results
- Safe technology

HANDS FACE SPACE

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This instructional [YouTube video](#) will help you – please watch before taking the test- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo&list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>

2. If you have any concerns about testing at home please do not hesitate to raise it with your Form Tutor.

Please read our “Testing at home” Privacy Statement (on our website) to understand what will happen to your data. Further data protection concerns should be addressed to our DPO, [dpo@haydonschool.org.uk](mailto:dpo@haydonschool.org.uk)

You may also find the below slide useful:

## Participation and Data Protection

### All participation in testing is voluntary

Once you have understand the testing process and have read the privacy notice, if you choose to participate you are committing to self-administer the test and report your results via the NHS Test & Trace digital platform and to your education setting.

Before taking your test, you must do three things:

1. Read the **privacy notice** to understand what will happen with your data.
2. Take a copy of the new **Instructions for Use** v1.3.2 and ensure it is the correct version
3. Record your details in the Test Kit Log



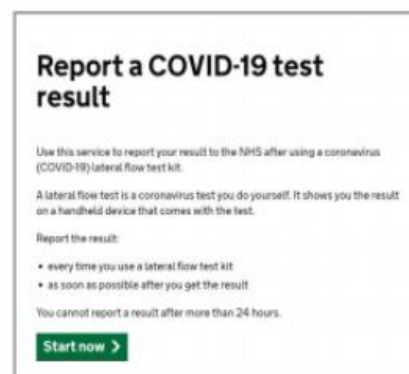
People who decline to participate in this testing programme should follow the usual national guidelines on self-isolation and [get tested](#) if they show symptoms.

3. You may also address your questions and queries to our COVID Coordinator, [covidrapidtest@haydonschool.org.uk](mailto:covidrapidtest@haydonschool.org.uk)
4. You will need to sign for your test kits. The school will record the lot number on the box of the test kits against your name. **N.B. By collecting and opening 'at home test kits' the individual gives medical consent and is legally committed to reporting their results via the NHS Test and Trace reporting system.**
5. After your initial 3 tests at school, please collect your home testing kit from the Library (Y7-Y11 students) or from the Common Room (Sixth Form students) at your allocated time (check messages from your Year Team on SMHW). You will be provided with the separate document "Your step-by-step guide for COVID-19 self-testing" that replaces the instructions inside the box - digital copy will be emailed to your parents.
6. Please note it is a requirement to report your test result, whether positive, negative or void to the NHS Track and Trace.

**You are required to [report the results of your tests online, or by phone](#), every time you take a test, even if the result was negative or void.**

Education settings are not able to view the results that their staff and students have uploaded to the online service.

You should therefore also communicate results separately with your education setting, so that they can respond accordingly.



The School needs to know your **POSITIVE** test result in order to identify participants with positive results, for bubble management and contact tracing. Please also report your **VOID** test results to school for managing stock and distribution of kits.

Please let us know of your POSITIVE or VOID **'test at home'** result by emailing [Cv19@haydonschool.org.uk](mailto:Cv19@haydonschool.org.uk).

7. Anyone aged 11 must ensure the test is administered at home by an adult. Anyone aged 12-17 should be supervised by an adult at home but can swab themselves. Students aged 12-17 should self-test and report with adult supervision. The adult may conduct the test if necessary.
8. If you have an incident while testing at home – please follow the guidance below:

#### **Clinical issue**

If there is a clinical incident which led or has potential for harm, participants are advised to report it on <https://coronavirussyellowcard.mhra.gov.uk>.

This is not for seeking immediate medical care. **Medical care should be sought through the usual route of contacting 111 or 999.**

## Non-clinical issue

For incidents occurring at home, participants are advised to report any issues (something damaged, or missing or difficult to use in the kit, unable to log result etc.) to 119 in England, Wales, Northern Ireland .

## Inform the Education Setting

Participants should inform the school ([Cv19@haydonschool.org.uk](mailto:Cv19@haydonschool.org.uk)) about ongoing test-related problems, so that the school can check if this is a wider issue across other users.

*Examples of clinical issues are a swab breaking in the mouth, bleeding, allergic reaction on using the kit etc. whereas an example of a non-clinical issue would be missing items from a test kit.*

Overview

**NHS**  
Test and Trace

## Key questions

- Why are we testing people without symptoms of COVID-19?**  
Up to one in three people who have coronavirus (COVID-19) do not display any symptoms.
- Is this compulsory?**  
Testing is voluntary, and you should not be prevented from going into the education setting if you do not take part. The success of this public health measure depends on as many people participating as possible.
- Can children and young people swab themselves?**  
No children below the age of 11 should be tested. Secondary pupils aged 11 should have the test administered by an adult, and pupils and students aged 12-17 should be supervised by an adult but can swab themselves.
- How often do staff and students need to test?**  
Staff and students will test at home on a regular basis (twice per week, 3 to 4 days apart) usually before they come into the education setting.
- How effective are these tests?**  
LFD tests have been widely and successfully used to detect asymptomatic COVID-19 cases. The speed and convenience of the tests supports the detection of the virus in asymptomatic individuals, who would not otherwise have got tested. LFD tests are approved by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). The tests are highly specific, with low chances of false positives. They are also very sensitive and able to identify the majority of the most infectious yet asymptomatic individuals. It is important to remember that these tests are an additional layer of health protection measure in addition to hand washing, face covering and social distancing.
- Where do I get my test kits?**  
You can collect your test kits from the education setting that you work at or attend. Test kits were delivered to primary schools and school-based nurseries in January. Test kits will be delivered to other settings from 24 February, and to PVI nurseries from mid-March.