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NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for Students

Dear Student,

You may have heard that testing for those without coronavirus symptoms is beginning across the country using new, quicker COVID-19 tests known as 'Lateral Flow Devices' (LFD). This letter is to help give you more information about the testing programme at Wilmslow High School. Below are links to key documents

- [Consent form](#) this **must** be completed prior to testing
- [Wilmslow High School Terms of Consent](#)
- [Wilmslow High School Privacy Notice](#)
- [Data Protection Privacy Notice FAQ](#)
- [Description of Lateral Flow Device tests](#)
- [Lateral Flow Testing Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Up to one third of people who have coronavirus are asymptomatic. By testing we will help to reduce the spread in school and college settings through asymptomatic transmission. I am therefore strongly encouraging those children of key workers and other students attending school to be tested.

We recognise that the self-swabbing part of the test is an uncomfortable experience and may prove challenging for some Students. Some of these concerns may be alleviated by discussing them with school and agreeing strategies to help reduce anxiety and putting in place any reasonable adjustments (if the individual has a disability).

Should you have any further queries please contact our medical needs team via email at medicalneeds@wilmslowhigh.com and we will be able to provide you with advice and guidance.

Plan for testing

Now we have successfully implemented our testing programme for staff and completed over 200 Lateral Flow Device Tests we are confident in our processes and training to enable us to test the students currently attending school as part of our in-school provisions.

Students will be called from their lessons at a convenient time and will be supported to perform the test themselves.

How the tests work

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The Lateral Flow Device Tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose and throat. Results (which take half an hour from testing) will be shared directly with the individual participant. We will also confirm the result via the NHS test and trace results service to the mobile phone and email supplied on the consent form.

What if I test positive?

If a student tests positive on a Lateral Flow Device, they will be informed immediately by our experienced staff and will need to take a further 'PCR test' to confirm the result. This should be on the same day or as soon as possible afterwards. School will be able to provide these PCR test kits to perform at home.

During the time while waiting for the PCR result (via text/email) you will need to self-isolate.

If the PCR test returns a positive result you will have to continue to self-isolate and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

What happens if the test is negative?

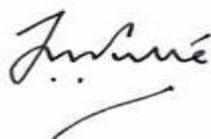
While a small number of students may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason, pupils who test negative will be able to stay in school and resume their activities as normal. Pupils will be informed of negative test results.

What if I develop symptoms?

This testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If you develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) you must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

We will support our staff and students throughout, but please contact us if you have any questions. You can contact the office by emailing medicalneeds@wilmslowhigh.com.

Yours faithfully,



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